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Poetry.

COME, YE LOFTY.

Come ye lofty, come ye lowly,
Let your songs of gladness ring;
In a stable lies the Holy,
In a manger rests the King.
See in Mary's arms reposing
Christ by highest Heaven adored;
Come, your circle round Him closing,
Pious hearts that love the Lord.

Come, ye poor, no pomp of station
Robes the Child your hearts adore:
He the Lord of all salvation,
Shares your want, is weak and poor:
Oxen, round about, behold them;
Rafters naked, cold and bare,
See the Shepherds, God has told them
That the Prince of Life lies there.

Come, ye children, blithe and merry,
This one Child your model make;
Christmas holly, leaf and berry,
All be prized for His dear sake:
Come, ye gentle hearts and tender,
Come, ye spirits, keen and bold;
All in all your homage render,
Weak and mighty, young and old.

High above a star is shining,
And the wise men haste from far;
Come glad hearts, and spirits pining—
For you all has risen the star.
Let us bring our poor oblations,
Thanks and love, and faith and praise;
Come, ye people, come, ye nations,
All in all draw nigh to gaze.

Hark! the Heaven of heavens is ringing;
Christ, the Lord, to man is born!
Are not all our hearts too singing,
Welcome, welcome, Christmas morn?
Still the Child, all power possessing,
Smiles as through the ages past;
And the song of Christmas blessing
Sweetly sinks to rest at last.

Select Miscellany.

THE TWO KISSES.

A CHARMING CHRISTMAS STORY.

I am an old man; so old am I that, looking back, life seems very long, and yet so short, that I do not know whether many things did not happen in a dream. I am hale and hearty, and merry, for the matter of that; and when I laugh, my laugh rings out clearly and loud, they say; so much so, that it makes the people around, especially my grand-children and nephews and nieces, laugh too. And when I laugh the old time back when others who are silent now, laughed with me, and then I am suddenly silent, and the laugh dies away; and when I think of it, its empty echoes fill my brain just as if it were sleep laughter in a dream.

When I stop laughing so suddenly, for the merriment and enjoyment and for the matter of that, the grief and pain of old men are short and sudden, like those of children—my grand-children and nephews and nieces, have a great difficulty to stop too; and they choke and nudge each other, and say, "that is a good story, uncle; almost as good as the story you told us yesterday."

Told yesterday; let me see what it was I told yesterday? How long ago it seems; it must be longer ago than when I was only twenty years old, a stalwart, brave fellow in yellow breeches, black leggings, a heavy, brass bound leather helmet with a plume tipped with red, and clanking sword which I could not now lift with my two hands. I was a royal volunteer then, prepared to resist the French; and I and some of my companions were encamped in white tents on the coast of Kent.

Yes, people think me very merry. And so, thank Heaven, I am; for I try to stand upright, four-square to the world, as a man should; but, being an old man, I have blank places in my heart now where no love grows; barren spots in my memory, and chilled and numbed parts in my feelings, where I cannot look back, and where I dare not tread and touch, lest sudden pain should come back like the shooting of an old wound.

Been in love? Yes, I should think I have; how else could I have grand-children, those people who laugh so hearty when I laugh, and make me tell how old I am a score of times, and say how well I am looking.

Been in love? I think I was talking of that, was I not? Yes, been in love. Well, we did love when I was a young fellow, and I recollect my Alice as I loved her when she was young, and as I love her now. I think that she could do anything but drink and smoke or tell an untruth, or do a wrong action. Her face was a sweet oval; her hair, a very dark brown, nearly black; and her eyes were a deep blue, full of merriment at one moment, aye, at all moments except when she heard a sad story, or was touched with pain for any one else, and then they grew deeper and deeper as they filled with tears. Not for herself. She never cried for herself that I know of, for she never had a day's illness. But she was terribly cut up when her brother died, and that you see was how I knew her. Her brother was my right hand man in my company. Many's the time we stood shoulder to shoulder to keep good an enemy, good at anything. He used to live near the coast, and, indeed, he joined us and I was one of his tent fellows, and his chum.

Well, he knew people that I knew, and we were soon friends; and he took me home to show me Alice. He was always talking about her, and she about him; and when he was there, scarce a look did she give me. Her brother—his name was Joe, and mine, too—could do everything, and was the be-all and end-all of the earth, I used to think; and so one day I tried to run with Joe, and Joe beat me, and Alice laughed; and then I shot against Joe, and he beat me, too, and she laughed the more: and I wrestled with him and threw him; she didn't laugh then, but ran to see whether he was hurt and said it wasn't fair for Joe to tackle a big fellow like me, although he was nigh an inch taller. In short, I could not please her anyhow.

Well, it was one day when we heard that the flat-bottomed boats of old Boney were not coming over, and that the army of Boulogne had melted, bit by bit, away like a snow drift, that we made a night of it. Aye, it was a night, too! and being hot and in summer, we must needs keep up the fun till the sun came up over the sea-coast, looking red and angry at our folly. Well, Joe and I, the two Joes, as they called us, ran down the beach and washed our hot faces, and plunged into the salt waves, and were in a minute as fresh and merry as two larks; after dressing, Joe must needs take a walk with me, who was nothing loth, you must know, along the edge of the cliff. The sea, for centuries, had been washing that chalk-bound coast, and at intervals there stand up pillars of chalk, with the sea around them. The people call such a place "No Man's Land." Well, Joe came to one of these within a few feet, say twelve, from the cliff, and turning to me said: "Joe, junior, said he, I think I see his bright face, now, "I challenge you to jump on that 'No Man's Land,' I do."

"Joe," said I, hurriedly, "don't be a fool! May be it will give way at the top; and if it didn't how could you jump back without a run? You'd be stuck on the top like a mad sentinel or a pillar saint. I'm not going to jump it."

"But I am," said he, and before I could stop him, if indeed I had tried, he took a run and jumped.

It was so sudden that I could only stand aghast when I saw him there. He stood, indeed, for a moment, and then he took a back step, and would have jumped back, when I heard a rumbling sound, and half the top of the "No Man's Land" parted, and the chalk and earth, Joe, too, fell with a crash to the rocky coast below.

I ran round the little creek to the other side of a small bay, and throwing myself down on the turf, stretched over, looked over, and cried out, "Joe, are you hurt, Joe?"

A faint voice came up, and I could see the poor fellow struggling under a huge piece of chalk, which seemed to hold him down in agony. He smiled in a ghastly way, and said: "Run, Joe, run, the tide's coming in."

Well, I did run, and we got ropes from the tents, and a few strong fellows held them as I swung over the cliff, just reaching poor Joe as the cold water was lap, lap, lapping up to his mouth, taking away his breath, and then running [illegible] bubbles of salt foam, as if in sport. I got him out, but he could not stand. Some bones were broken, and he was badly bruised, so that I was forced to tie him to a rope, and they hauled him up, and afterwards pulled me up, and we took him home.

Well, well, to make a long story short, poor Joe died, with my praise upon his lips; and Alice bowed her head like a broken lily. It was a long time before she got over it, and summer had grown into winter, and winter to summer, to autumn and to winter again. The threatened invasion was all over, our swords were getting rusty, our uniforms dirty, and when the holidays came I left the firm in which I was a partner, and went to spend a fortnight at my old friend's in Kent.

Alice was there, well and cheerful now, and reconciled to her loss, though we often talked of poor Joe, and as the days wore on we grew closer together, and she called me by name, and seemed to have transferred her brother's love to me. She never told me so, nor let others see it, till one merry Christmas night, when she rejected all her cousins and her other friends, and would only dance with me.

We had the mistletoe, too. At last one madcap fellow proposed that the ladies should kiss the gentlemen all around when and how they could; and Alice should, too; and she, in a solemn, quiet way, smiling sadly, and yet sweetly, too, took me beneath the Christmas bough and kissed me on the lips.

Aye, it's many years ago, but I feel it now. My heart beat so fast that I hardly dared return it; but I put my arm around her, and took her gently by the bay-window of the old hall, saying, as I pressed her hand: "Alice, dear Alice, did you mean that kiss."

Well, I need not tell you what she answered. 'Tis fifty years ago, fifty years ago; and I am surrounded by Alice's grandchildren; and there is one, a little thing with light and golden hair that will deepen into brown, who plays around my knees and tells me her little stories, her sorrows and her joys, so quick, so hurried in their coming and their going, that they are like my own, and as we talk we grow quite friends and companions, as my Alice was to me.

Bless you, she understands it all. She is a woman in her pretty ways; her poutings, pettings and quarrellings. She manages her household of one wax doll and two wooden ones, and tells me the wax doll is the lady and the two wooden ones are the servants in mob caps and stuff gowns, when they gossip with a wooden policeman who belongs to her brother Joe.

So we are fast friends, little Alice and I, and to-night, on Christmas night, I noticed she could not dance or play with the pink and shiny-faced little boys who were unnaturally tidy and clean in their new knickerbockers and red stockings; but she came and sat by me, and talked softly as Alice did, and made me think of fifty years ago. And only think how old times come back, and new times like the old; only just think that when her mother told her she should chose a sweetheart, she got a little bit of mistletoe, and climbing slyly on my knee, and holding me in talk as if to hide her purpose, though I guessed it soon, I tell you, she put her little doll-like head around my neck, and holding the mistletoe above my head she kissed me again and again, and said I was her sweetheart.

So this child sweetheart brought the old times back, and the sweet kiss 'neath the rustling leaves made me think of my Alice in the grave.

A CHRISTMAS IN "THE FORKS".

Field Sports—A Christmas Holiday with Dog and Gun—Scenes and Incidents—Hunting Wild Turkeys—A Rustic Wedding Festival, Etc.

[From the Richmond Whig.]

The junction of the Dan and Staunton rivers forms a triangular territory, commonly called "The Forks," which is one of the most attractive little districts in Virginia. Embracing a section of Halifax county and a portion of the fertile tracts of Mecklenburg, its general aspect is diversified with a rich expanse of meadow lands, sombre, trackless forests, creeks and rivers. The inhabitants are, for the most part, descendants from early settlers of our soil. They are hospitable, and in some instances, large landholders. It is the purpose of this sketch to illustrate a single, but prominent feature of "the Forks," its

FIELD SPORTS,

and in connection therewith, to tell the story of how a Christmas was spent in this pleasant country. This is the elysium of sportsmen. No part of the State furnishes a greater variety and abundance of game. Of the lesser kinds, the fields, the woods, the waters, afford quantities unlimited—turkeys, geese, and ducks abound, while in a large and thinly settled tract deer have always found good harborage, and of late years have increased rapidly. It is, therefore, not an uncommon thing for hunting parties from a distance to visit here at any time during the shooting season, and these, having chosen some convenient and hospitable mansion for headquarters, sojourn for a season of one or two weeks, and wage dreadful warfare upon the wild tribes of the surrounding country. On the 27th of December of last year, a matter of business took the writer to "the Forks." A little after dark he arrived at the dwelling of Mr. Ladune, about nine miles from Scottsburg. A cheerful, ruddy glow shone on the window panes as if to guide the shivering and benighted wayfarer to a place of shelter, warmth and rest. The porches were hung with game and the premises literally swarming with dogs. When the host ushered me into a large room off the ground floor, I was not altogether unprepared for the striking spectacle that the opening of the door disclosed. In each corner of the apartment was a large bed. Mackin, fast asleep, was the occupant of one—Mackin, the amiable leader of the amiable party (I knew them all) the cream and the crack shots of Danville.

Charley, the pet—a youth "of infinite jest and most excellent fancy," held possession of the other, weary-looking and distressed, as if the day's tramp had overcome him, so tenderly reared.

Bigbod, in enormous boots and suit of corduroy, lingered lovingly over his peach and honey, and looked every inch a hunter. Dickory and the Doctor were wrangling in a corner, and betting high upon the number of birds to be [illegible] by the party on the morrow.

An armory of shot guns, a profusion of powder flasks, shot pouches, game bags and all other accoutrements of a well-furnished sportsman, made a scene of characteristic disorder. The spacious chimney was filled with roaring flame. An English setter, his fine head resting on his outstretched paws, gazed pensively thereon with his single eye. A brace of setters occupied each a corner of the hearth, while a pointer puppy slumbered peacefully on the snowy counterpane at Charley's feet. The *tout ensemble* would have made an artist's heart rejoice, for its novelty—the character there was in it—and for its aspect of ease and comfort and perfect freedom from care. The master of the house looked on with decided approval, whilst I fancied his lady contemplating the same picture with an expression of dismay.

THE HUNTER'S SUPPER.

An excellent game supper was presently served and despatched with wonderful appetites. The table was graced by the presence of the lady of the mansion, whose share in the conversation was marked by a singular degree of tact and cordiality. In this little party of six was more than one individual who might have been termed a character. The table talk was therefore neither dull nor monotonous, but smacked throughout of the dog and gun.

Mackin expressed the opinion that there has been, in Virginia, a marked decline in thoroughbred dogs.

"And, at the same time," observed the Doctor, "the old time gentleman hunter of Virginia is becoming a thing of the past. The fact is, the *esprit* has been destroyed since these hordes of negroes have taken to the pursuit of game as their principal occupation."

"The fox chase," I said, "is at least left to our gentry, and as good horseflesh is requisite for the sport, we may expect that it will be an exclusive privilege for some time to come. By the way, gentlemen, it is my opinion, as the result of much travel and observation, that old Amelia is, after all, the best nursery of the true blue, the high-spirited fox-hunter. Nowhere, that I know, is the chase pursued with a tithe of the *eclat* and ardor that characterizes it there. Where will you find such keen riders and enthusiastic lovers of the sport as Philip Southall, William Mann, Jack Hardaway and Robert Flippen?"

"And you might add," said our host, "such men as John A. Graves, G. W. Johnson, and A. C. Tucker. These gentlemen, with those you have mentioned, can raise, among themselves, the finest pack that ever ran a fox. None indeed, but a sharp old red, affords any sport to the descendants of 'Mounter' and 'Music'—the one a Southall and the other a Flippen dog."

"Whilst there is still plenty of good blood," observed Dickory, "among bird dogs, it is rare to find one satisfactorily trained at all points.—A good covey dog is apt to be worthless for single birds, and in a pack of twenty-five you may not find a single good retriever.

THE TURKEY HUNT.

The second day after this was set apart for hunting wild turkeys, of which several gangs were known to use in the neighborhood. The mode of hunting these wary birds is worth some description. It is preferable to use a dog trained to that business exclusively, an English setter being, perhaps, the best. Our huntsmen were all mounted. The first object being to find a covey, a line was formed so as to beat the woods along a breadth of more than half a mile. Dickory's "Roscoe," an Irish setter, under his master's eye and bidding, hunted along one flank, and his nose being good for more than a quarter, we covered nearly the breadth of a mile as we moved through the woods. "Roscoe" presently struck a hot scent, and head erect darted like the wind along the trail. In five minutes he had the covy up, and his warning bark called all the horsemen to the spot. The splendid birds rose over the tree tops, as if for a long flight. Now began busy preparations for slaughter. The habit of these birds, which the hunter takes due advantage of, is to move gradually back to the spot where they took wing; and there the scattered gang gets together again. The hunters tied their horses at a safe distance, and then each chose his spot and built his blind so as to intercept the turkeys as they returned.

The blinds completed, everything for the space of half an hour was still as death, and then you might have heard our more experienced hunters cautiously begin to yelp the turkeys up. This mode of decoying the birds is universally practiced among the old hunters. The yelper is commonly made of a large and a small bone of the turkey jointed together.—With this simple little instrument any person, by a little practice, can mock the peculiar call of wild turkeys with sufficient accuracy to deceive the cunning birds themselves. If the gang is a large one, the woods about the blinds are in a little while alive with turkeys, running at their race-horse speed hither and thither, and yelping to each other anxiously. The hunter bides his time, snugly hid in his blind, till some unfortunate bird, attracted by his call, comes running up to the muzzle of his gun to join his supposed mate.

The success of our party was indifferent enough, considering the chances in their favor, and when they rode back that night, Makin, who is an old and keen hand at this sport, was silent and crestfallen. Our host met us at the gate, and seeing us disconsolate suggested peach and honey, as indeed our host was always suggesting peach and honey.

HYMEN AND THE HUNTERS.

Among the tenantry of our excellent friend host was one known far and wide as the father of two singularly pretty girls—young women who shared amicably between them the belleship of their little circle.

On the afternoon of our disconsolate return from the turkey hunt, the elder of these sisters was married—married to a young fellow, who, in spite of a plain and even rough exterior, had won her by a manly assiduity of courtship and the irresistible influence of a devoted heart. Our party received no formal invitation to the wedding festivities, but at the solicitation of our host went thither at a tolerably advanced hour of the night. Indeed the thing was [illegible] our pulses quick and free with the sweet inspiration of peach and honey. Our *entrée* seemed neither to surprise nor disturb the good people of the cottage. The bride herself, who sat smiling and happy on the groom's knee in a corner of the hearth—exchanging with him fond caresses—just deigned a glance at us, and returned to her occupation. Likewise her sister, who shared with her betrothed a rocking chair and loaned affectionately on his shoulder, moved not, but her dark eyes followed, involuntarily perhaps, the tall form of one Bigbob.

The company presently adjourned to the next room, where the dance was renewed, and our huntsmen, who were pretty soon on the easiest footing with the company, all took themselves partners. Bigbob having, by his graceful arts of persuasion, induced the bride's sister to leave her betrothed and accept his hand for the dance, the married pair were left to themselves. And now the spirit of fun was rampant. The banjo, played with equal skill and enthusiasm, was like a living thing, and when Dickory sat down to play an accompaniment on a borrowed fiddle, the dancers redoubled their ardor, and fifty pair of heels beat responsive to the quick movemend on the bare floor. Grandpapa, who sat smoking over the comfortable blaze, looked up and I could see that the spring tide of life was rising in his veins. Without forethought or warning, down went his pipe, up jumped he, and gathering the old lady about the waist, upset Dickory and his fiddle half in the fireplace and plunged in *medias res* like a whirlwind.

"By Jove," exclaimed Bigbob, "if this isn't an improvement on your Exchange balls and Ballard House hops then there's no merit in real fun—that's all."

But the writer, for his part, found a singular fascination in the spectacle in the next room—the felicitous matrimonial tableau all this time motionless in a corner of the hearth. The door ajar afforded only a partial, but yet a plentiful view, and the gazer could not—try as he would, remove his eyes therefrom. But, alas! how fleeting are all the bright and beauteous visions of this life. The bridegroom, after frowning vigorously, but in vain, got up with cruel deliberation and extinguished the light.

J. B. W.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.—Masked men detached the express car and engine from a train on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, and robbed the safe of Wells, Fargo & Co. of $27,000. A case with $5,000 in gold dust was carried off. The robbers were mounted and heavily armed. The express company offers $10,000, the railroad company $5,000, and Governor Osborne $2,500 reward for the arrest of the robbers and recovery of the property.

One of Boston's sources of revenue is its rum trade with the Gold Coast of Africa. At the time the British authorities raised the duty on rum, last year, to 60 cents a gallon, there were 7 American steamers on the coast with, about 387,000 gallons, 2 other vessels were on their way with 145,000 gallons more, and another vessel (the Starr King) was getting ready to start with a matter of 75,000 gallons.

The colored Republican majority at Montgomery, Ala., is handsomely represented in the county jail, where out of 112 prisoners, but four are white.

From the Hillsboro Recorder.

Hon. Wm. A. Graham on Convention.

The many engagements of this gentleman and his somewhat enfeebled health, have postponed the expected communication from him in reply to the queries of the editors of the Wilmington *Journal*. But he has expressed his sentiments here, at home, unreservedly and strongly. He has spoken among a constituency whose confidence he has held unshaken for half a century, to a people he has never misled. He speaks in the maturity of his powers and the ripeness of his experience, and his counsel should have weight not only with the people of Orange among whom he lives, but with those of the whole State whose honorable burdens it has been his fortune so long, so often and so ably to bear.

At the meeting of the citizens of Orange held in the Court House in Hillsboro on the 3d, during the absence of the Committee to report resolutions, he was called upon to express his views on the subject of the Constitution, and a Convention. Without undertaking to make a literal report of the speech, we lay before our readers some of its more prominent points, in order that they may see that a gentleman of Governor Graham's wisdom recognizes the urgent need of the reformation of the organic law of the State, and one of his abundant caution and prudence sees nothing hazardous to the party that proposes it.

After a reference to the condition of his health, which had prevented all premeditation in his remarks, he proceeded to comment upon the nature and the importance of Constitutions and the necessity of frequently bringing them to the consideration of the people. The people ought to have the opportunity once in a while. They are fully capable of passing judgment upon the Constitutional laws. They are reasonable, and have far more capacity to judge correctly than many of those speakers and writers who assume to speak for them, and will form a correct verdict at the end of a campaign, comprehending readily amendments in the fundamental law.

Have we a constitution that suits us? How did we get it? The Constitution of '79 lasted until '35; the changes in that endured until '74. The people rejected the Constitution submitted under authority of President Johnson, preferring their own. The Government then called a Convention requiring negroes to be voters, and proscribing largely among the whites. For this Convention, every class of men presented themselves as candidates. The Convention was a disgrace. The Constitution was signed amidst the wildest orgies. Thirty days were given to the people to decide on it. It was not published until half that time expired.

It was then regarded as a mere provisional adoption. It did not suit us. It has as much application to the people of Illinois as to us.—[illegible] personal character of their members there is nothing to command respect in the framers of this.

The Constitution was accepted, but it was not above criticism. It got the expected negro vote. It got the votes of many who wanted peace, and who thought it would open the way to reconciliation. Even those who framed it, thought it only temporary. "They said, "Take it now; try it, and if it don't suit, amend." Seven years have passed. Why can't we amend by our own people? We are not in hostility to the Government. There is nothing to forbid.

Who will compose the Convention? Our own men, men who will not run away. The Constitution may be submitted to the people. They can reject, if they wish.

There were provisions in the Constitution insulting and degrading to the sovereignty of the State, purposely placed there. Why make an oath to support the Constitution and laws of the State, the Constitution and laws of the United States, a prerequisite for voting. Who can possibly know all these laws?

This Constitution exalts the Executive and Judicial departments beyond all reason, while it degrades the Legislature, the direct representatives of the people. Instead of leaving discretionary powers in the hands of the Legislature, it provides a system of its own by which the legitimate law-making body is interfered with and restrained. For instance, it limits changes in the number of Judges of the courts.

That should be left to the Legislature. The Constitution should not limit, define or restrict.

Instead of binding our children as under the old system, this Constitution establishes charitable institutions, and prescribes and compels provision for idiots and inebriates. These provisions ought all to be expunged, and the State government be made more simple and economical.

It exalted the Governor, and made him an officer of overshadowing importance. His is now a vast power. He appoints all officers, and fills all vacancies without advice of counsel. William Hooper was asked when he returned from the Convention of '76, what powers they had given the Governor? "To sign his receipt for his salary," was the reply. Gov. Graham would return to the old methods of appointment by the General Assembly and would restrict the powers of the Governor.

Many other objectionable features might be referred to, but he would pass them by now for want of time. He would pass on to the consideration of the subject of calling a Convention at the next session of the Legislature. There was no danger in a Convention. It all depended upon who the people sent, and heretofore they have always, when they had their free choice, sent the right sort of men. He thought there was no danger of committing the responsibility to men who would abuse their trust. As to the loss of party ascendancy, so much dreaded and dwelt upon by many, the question will strengthen it. Its work must go before the people. They will understand it, and if they approve it will ratify it.

Much was said of the loss to the party by its call for a Convention in '71. That was imaginary. It has never lost the Legislature since.—In that election on Convention, the question arose, whether the Legislature had a right to call a Convention. The Judges did not think it a lawful mode, and their opinion crippled the vote, yet the Convention vote then was little less than that for Shipp, a vote which had redeemed the State, and the Merrimon vote was many thousands larger. The Convention question had not therefore hurt the party.

As to the question not having been urged and that the civil rights question was the contested point in the campaign, that was idle. That was something the Legislature had nothing to do with. That was for Congress. If that was all the Legislature had better adjourn at once and go home. But, he thought, the campaign embraced all that looked to the welfare of the people. It then became the duty of the Legislature to examine the whole charge committed to them, to act according to the best lights they obtain, and then leave it to the people to judge regardless of considerations of party ascendancy. The people were fully able to comprehend, and might be safely trusted to decide that question of ascendancy.

This was far more important than carrying the Presidential election. For many years to come, the South will occupy but a small space in Federal affairs. Its position now is that of insignificance. Of all of the nine Judges of the Supreme Court, not one is appointed from the south of Mason and Dixon's line. The South has no Cabinet officers, and if it has had diplomatic appointments, they have been of inferior grade. If the Republican party continues in power, there need be expected no change in this policy. We have then little interest in general politics. Our power must be exercised in our own domestic affairs. We must turn our attention to domestic reforms. Having done that we can then rejoice over the Presidential election, and the speaker did have hopes of the election of some suitable gentleman.

Dot Zumpin Toode-Ake.

BY BALTIMORE FRITZ.

Ov der is any von ding more den anoder vich vill make a man feel like a goote dose ov sweariin' vould do him a barrelfull ov sadisfaction, it vas den zumpin' toode-ake. Ven a feller coomes like dot und got a goome-bile, all drew bode dergedder, den he feel yoost like a qwardt ov glycerine gorked oop und gopper-sealed in a bint bottle.

He looses all confidence mit himself, Der loove for his family und his neighbors boody gwick leaks oude ov him, und don't could got der leastes respeck not even for his muder-by-law.

Katrina Hoopspharagel, mine neighbor vot leefs on der wrong hand side by mine house next door, she got der onderday, a full grown goomebile und der same dime I got me my zumpin toode-ake. I vent me right avay in, mit my yaws died oop mit a bolster of mooshe und millick, to find me oude ven she knowed somethings dot vos bin easier to garry und gwicker to athep me dot zump. She vos look more like a wild ingine from der laffa beds, mit her hed died oop mit some olk red skirts und her noze drawed mit vas it like mine [illegible] mine paws vas flopped over on der one side like Barnum's Balloon ven he not enough gas got in.

Vell, anyhow, ven Katrina, she see how I been fixed oop, she dink right away dot I make some foolishness mit her. As I said perfore, demper vas a hard dings to manage ven you got some goomebiles. Katrina don't gonild gongeole hers, but she knock me aside mit a boker, two deeth on side ov mind hed vere der zumpin' toode-ake vasn't. Dot got me madt for shure und I zump all over. I toldt her in yerman vot I dink mit such a vomans und such a bissness, dill I got me plack und plue by mine face, und I got me binded over to keep der pieces, und pay der squire a dollar und a halb. Vell, ven I got me home again, I dink I vould dook me, ov I cood, some sleep. Katrina, she got anoder big vite und gray cat vich vas kind ov yellow on plack all ofer mit a pine dail. So sooner ven I go on my yeet dot Hoopspharagel cat, he gooms on mine fence und make more noise as A-dam-Itzel's prass pandt.

Now I dink me I got a goote chances to dake me mine spide oude ov Katrina on dot Hoopspharagel cat, so I yoost grawled me mine vinder oude ven he vas gwarling mit anodder cat, und vile der dails vas gracking in der air like hors-vips. I grawled along der dop ov mine fence mit mine swell yaw hanging down, and yoost as Hoopspharagel called der onder cat a dem lawyer for der last dime, I grabbed him by der dail und missed him, ven I lookt oop he vas not on mine fence, und nefer vas I. Mine zumpin toode-ake vas yumped oude, und mine het vas wrecked to bieces.

Katrina for sadisfaction got me agin arrested for disturbin' her bieces und I am not in yail pegause I got no pail.

Ov efer I got der toode-ake agin I vill make me all my remarks at home, and let him get vell mitoude askink olt vomans aboude it und I would adviso der readers ov der *Gommercial Draffler* to do der same.

Mor-ale. Never go for dom-cats by moonlight ven you got goomebiles or der zumpin toodeake,—*Commercial Traveller.*

THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK.—The nineteenth anniversary of this institution was held on the 19th inst. The report gives $25,850 88 as the total receipts, and $25,335 79 as the expenditures, leaving a cash balance on Nov. 1, 1874, of $524 09. Mrs. J. J. Astor has endowed in perpetuity another free bed, thus making five beds endowed in this institution. Religious services have been regularly carried on by clergymen of the different denominations. Mrs. David Lance, for many years presiding officer, has resigned her position upon the Board of Lady Supervisors on account of her ill-health. The medical report, read by Dr. Thomas, Secretary of the medical board, was in the main very favorable. Dr. C. R. Agnew delivered the medical address. He was followed by Rev. H. C. Potter and J. Marion Sims, M. D. This institution, the only one of its kind in America, has for nineteen years been doing a work which deserves the recognition and should receive the support of the whole community. To women of limited means it affords, at the moderate charge of $15 a week, medical and surgical treatment that cannot be equaled in London or Paris. Women with less means receive the same care, attention and benefits, at prices ranging from $6 to $10 a week. For the laboring poor large wards are provided with rows of beds, their patients receiving surgeons' care and attention without money and without price.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1874.

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Special Notice.

Publishers of newspapers will be required to pay postage in advance at the mailing office, from and after the first of January next, under the new postal law, on all newspapers sent to subscribers out of the county where published. This arrangement makes it necessary that all subscriptions should be paid in advance; and that all subscribers in arrears should pay up, as it is not reasonable that we should be taxed with the postage in delinquent cases.

We do not intend to increase the price of this paper to those who pay in advance, on account of the new postal arrangement; but again call upon those in arrears to pay up the dues before the end of the year, so we can all take a fresh start with the new year. Two dollars ($2 00) in advance will pay for the PRESS one year, including postage.

Congress.

As usual, the business has been rather preliminary till after the holidays.

But few bills of any particular interest to the South have as yet been introduced.

In the House a bill has been introduced reducing postage to one cent; a bill for the relief of the Southern States by compromising their debts; and a joint resolution investigating the condition of the Southern States.

Washburn, of Mass., presented a petition of Wm. Giles Dix, of Peabody, Mass., setting forth his belief that the time had come when the people, once for all, should decide whether or not they desire and mean to be one sovereign nation, claiming the direct allegiance of all, and directly guarding the rights of all, and asking that Congress appoint a time as early in the coming year as may be deemed best for the delegates chosen, one from each Congressional District, to meet in Philadelphia to consider and form a National Constitution, which, if approved by the people voting as one people without the intervention of the States shall be declared by the Executive to be the organic National law, superseding the Federal Constitution of the United States, as that Constitution supercedes the articles of Confederation. Referred to the Committee on Revision of Laws.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.—The Republican Senators in Washington, in caucus, on the 19th, had under consideration Southern affairs and finances. No action was taken in regard to Southern affairs, but there was unanimity on the point that all citizens in that section must be protected in their lawful rights. The question was postponed to a future but early caucus.

The debate on the Finances took a wide range, but all who spoke expressed the opinion that something was necessary to be done, and that, therefore, it was the part of wise statesmanship to harmonize their views if possible.

After a long discussion the report was adopted by the caucus, and the bill agreed upon will be reported at an early day to the Senate.

According to the best attainable information it provides for the resumption of specie payments on the 1st January, 1879, for free banking, and for the retiring of greenbacks to the extent of 80. per cent. of the amount of the new National bank notes issued.

It also requires the $46,000,000 of fractional currency to be gradually withdrawn and silver coin in denominations of from 5 to 50 cents issued in its place. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to use the surplus coin in the treasury on and after the day fixed for the resumptions to redeem the legal tenders, and, if necessary, to sell bonds for the same purpose if the amount of specie is not sufficient.

A very unfortunate difficulty took place in Greensboro last week, between Adolphus Moore, of Alamance, and one Green, who a year ago circulated a libel against Moore. J. M. Moore and Green were in Greensboro attending court, and while at the dinner table Moore pulled Green's ears. That afterwards, while Moore, Green, Fuller (the latter's lawyer,) and Swepson were in Fuller's room, Moore fired three shots at Green, one ball grazing the hair, and one his pocket-book. Green fled, when Moore drew a knife and attempted to cut Fuller. Fuller drew a pistol and was in the act of shooting Moore when Dr. Holt knocked his arm up. Moore was arrested and put under a bond of $4,000.—*Landmark*.

Insurrectionary indications are noticed among the negroes in the eastern part of Rowan county, and the adjoining part of Davidson county. The people are reported as being much alarmed at the warlike demonstrations of the negroes, who are reported as holding meetings and drilling with arms in the night time.

NAVIGATION OF YADKIN RIVER.—The project of opening navigation on the Yadkin River from the Railroad bridge of the North Carolina Railroad, near Salisbury, is again being agitated. A company is being formed for the prosecution of the work, and a charter will be applied for at this session of the General Assembly.

DEATH OF THE REPUBLIC.—The *Republic*, the new Administration organ in New York, has been discontinued, after a few months' publication.

THE RECESS.—The Legislature adjourned Monday, and will meet again the third Monday in January next.

Congress has also adjourned over the holidays.

THE CAPE FEAR FAIR, held in Wilmington last week, is represented as having been a complete success. The usual number of side shows and gamblers were present.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A new civil suit has commenced against Tweed, in which Edward Marrener is joined as a defendant in behalf of the city to recover from both $550,000, alleged to have been fraudulently charged by Marrener for supplies to the Street Department, and fraudulently certified to by Tweed as Deputy Street Commissioner.

The Polkton *Ansonian* says: Some weeks since, Mr. W. E. Horne, in this township, had his house entered and four thousand dollars in gold and about four hundred dollars in currency taken from a trunk. Informing a few of his friends of his loss, they kept a vigilant watch for some trace of the rogues. The free use of money by Lemuel Dean and his brother Henderson (colored) led to suspicion, and they were very closely watched. Both these men took the Western train at this place some days ago, and upon following them up it was found that they exchanged a large amount of gold, in Monroe, for currency, paid twenty dollars for the hire of a team from there to Charlotte, where it was found that they sold four or five hundred dollars of the gold in one of the banks. They came to this place on Tuesday morning, to take the train for the Fair in Wilmington, when they were arrested upon a warrant issued by Esquire Williams. Upon trial, the above facts, with strong corroborating circumstances pointing to their guilt, were established.

But a few days more before the wheels will turn, that will decide who are the lucky ones that will secure $50,000, $25,000, $15,000, $10,000, $5,000, 2,500, and many other valuable gifts in the Texas Gift Concert Association at Denison. The 31st of December, will soon be at hand; don't forget the date and secure a ticket before it is too late.

REMOVED.—The U. S. Revenue Collectors office has been removed from Statesville to Salisbury.

HONG KONG, Dec. 19.—The Pacific mail steamer Japan has been burned at sea. It is feared that many lives have been lost. The mails were lost.

THE SPIRITUALISTS.—Robert Dale Owen, who has done so much to popularize the American version of the English "Katie King" wonder, and who has committed himself so unreservedly in the *Atlantic Monthly* to the validity of these "materialization," is compelled to admit in a card over his own name that he has been deceived. And Dr. Henry T. Childs, who was chief fugleman for the Holmeses, and who even went so far as to write "inspirational" lives of Katie King and her fierce papa, also declares that the whole thing is an imposter. Next!

INDIANS.—The total number of Indians is about 250,000, divided into 89,813 in a wild state, 51,429 who are making some efforts to become civilized, about 80,000 who hold real estate, about 15,000 who have always been self-supporting, and some 14,000 in vagrant bands. Of the wild Indians not more than 10,000 are now classed as hostile, and the Commissioner estimates 500 warriors as the largest number that can be gathered for war-like purposes against the whites. The enormous cost of providing for this small body of men is a striking evidence of misgovernment in the past. As between bad Indians and the bad government of them, we sincere believe that the latter is the most responsible of the two.

RELIEF BILL.—Hon. Wm. A. Smith, of North Carolina, has introduced into Congress a bill for the relief of the Southern States, by a compromise of their debts. The bill provides that the money collected from the Southern people as a tax on their cotton product shall be appropriated to pay the debts of the Southern States. The Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General are directed to confer with the creditors and agree upon a compromise. The money paid as cotton tax by the people of a State is to be devoted to the payment of the debt of such State. If the amount is insufficient to pay the whole, it is to be applied to debts of the oldest date as far as it will go. Where there is a surplus, it shall be paid over to the State for free school purposes.

Yancey Pledger, alias Lash, a colored young fellow who has acquired some notoriety in Winston, Forsyth county, in getting dogs to the top of their speed, by the use of kerosene oil and lucifer matches, came to Danbury a few days ago, got an old double barrel pistol and took a few boys out of the village to show them how to use firearms, loaded the piece, put his hand over the muzzle, drew the hammer to see how it would strike and the shot whizzed through his hand—he threw it down, ran around the field grunting and saying he didn't think the d—n thing would go off.—*Reporter*.

CHARLOTTE & WILMINGTON.—The Carolina Central railway has been pushed forward with commendable speed and energy, and railroad connection has been made between Wilmington and Charlotte, the gap being finally closed up on the 15th inst. The first train run through consisted of some seven or eight coaches, all loaded with visitors to Wilmington and the Fair. It is estimated that there were at least 700 persons on the train, including about one hundred cadets of Col. J. P. Thomas' military school, of Charlotte, commanded by the Principal in person.

COUNTERFEIT NOTES.—The new counterfeit fifty cent note is thus described: On the counterfeit, the lock of hair in the corner of Dexter's forehead touches the other hair at each end, while in the genuine it is a "C" shaped lock, and touches only at the lower end. On the upper right hand corner of the back, a figure in 1863 is reversed, so it faces to the right instead of the left. The paper, too, is thicker than the genuine. Lines are printed on the back to imitate the silk threads, but they are not found on the face of the piece.—*Charlotte Observer*.

A Christmas Tree.

I have been looking on, this evening, at a merry company of children assembled round that pretty German toy, a Christmas tree. The tree was planted in the middle of a great round table, and towered high above their heads. It was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers, and everywhere glittered and sparkled with bright objects. There were rosy-cheeked dolls hiding behind the green leaves; there were real watches (with movable hands, at least, and an endless capacity of being wound up) dangling from innumerable twigs; there were French polished tables, chairs, bedsteads, wardrobes, and eight-day clocks, (wonderfully made in tin, at Wolverhampton), perched among the boughs, as if in preparation for some fairy housekeeping; there were jolly, broad-faced little men, much more agreeable in appearance than many real men—and no wonder, for their heads took off, and showed them to be full of sugar-plums; there were fiddles and drums; there were tamborines, books, work-boxes, paint-boxes, sweetmeat-boxes, peep-show-boxes, all kinds of boxes; there were trinkets for the elder girls, far brighter than any grown up gold and jewels; there were baskets and pin cushions in all devices; there were guns, swords and banners; there were standing in enchanted rings of paste-board, to tell fortunes; there were tee-totums, humming tops, needle-cases, pen-wipers, smelling bottles, conversation cards, bouquet-holders; real fruit, made artificially dazzling with gold leaf; imitation apples, pears and walnuts, crammed with surprises; in short, as a pretty child before me, delightfully whispered to another pretty child, her bosom frend, "There was everything and more." This motley collection of odd objects, clustering on the tree like magic fruit, and flashing back the bright looks directed towards it from every side—some of the diamond-eyes were hardly on a level with the table, and a few were languishing in timid wonder on the bosoms of pretty mothers, aunts and nurses—made a lively realization of the fancies of childhood; and set me thinking how all the trees that grow and all the things that come into existence on the earth, have their wild adornments at that well-remembered time.—*Charles Dickens*.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

CONDENSED FROM THE RALEIGH NEWS.

MONDAY, Dec. 14—SENATE.—A bill to amend Battle's Revisal by paying Solicitors $10 in each case where a person shall be convicted of felony, failed to pass.

A bill to take from Magistrates' jurisdiction, cases of fornication and adultery, passed its second reading. It will become a law.

A bill to relieve Holden of his disabilities was postponed till Jan. 21st.

HOUSE.—On a question of Personal Privilege, Capt. Tate, made a statement concerning the Western North Carolina Railroad.

Mr. Oaksmith introduced a bill to protect the States' interest in railroads. He said that on Wednesday next the stockholders of a certain railroad in which the State held an interest of $1,600,000 were ordered to meet and the early passage of the bill was necessary to protect the property of the State, &c.

The road referred to was the Atlantic & North Carolina. The bill was referred to a Committee.

TUESDAY Dec. 15—SENATE.—A resolution was introduced to investigate the affairs of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company.

Mr. Morehead introduced a bill to call a Convention to amend the Constitution of this State. Restricts any action or debate upon the existing laws in regard to the homestead and personal property exemptions, the mechanics' and laborers, lien, and the rights of married women, as now secured by law, except that said Convention may recommend them, on either of them, to be enlarged and may restrict the homestead and personal property exemptions to contracts. Referred to Committee on Constitutional Reform.

Mr. Mills also introduced a bill to call a Convention to amend the Constitution of this State. [Has similar restrictions to the bill introduced by Mr. Morehead.] Referred to committee on Constitution Reform.

A bill in relation to the indebtedness of the Insane Asylum to pay to the said Asylum $7,800 to relieve it of indebtedness incurred above appropriations within the last two years, was passed.

HOUSE.—Mr. Walker, from the Select Committee to examine into the charges against J. C. L. Harris, report that after strict trial a majority of the same find that the charges are not sufficient to warrant his impeachment.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14—SENATE.—The Usury Bill was the great feature to-day in the Senate. The bill was postponed to January 20th 1875.

HOUSE.—The most important matter before the House to-day was the following. On motion of Mr. McIver, the bill to repeal sections 5 and 6, chapter 2, Battle's Revisal, was taken up. [The bill repeals the annual appropriation by the State of $1,500 to the State Fair.]

The bill passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 89, nays 13.

THURSDAY Dec. 17—SENATE.—Mr. C. M. Cooke introduced a resolution to appoint a Joint Committee of five of the two Houses, to be composed of five members of the Joint Committee on the Public Debt, to confer with the creditors of the State, in order that some plan may be considered for the adjustment of the public debt. The said committee to meet in Raleigh on the 14th of January next, inviting the bondholders or creditors to meet them at that time. Mr. Love moved an amendment that the Committee of Conference be composed of the full Joint Committee of the two Houses. The amendment passed, and the Resolution was adopted.

A bill to make the furnishing of provisions as supplies to croppers and tenants a lien without any written agreement, and to take precedence of all other liens was taken up. Mr. C. M. Cooke stated that the Judiciary Committee, in reporting unfavorable upon this bill, believed that it would prove of no benefit to the farmer—it would prove only an *ignis fatuus* to the class it was intended to benefit, and reasoned at some length to sustain his position.

Mr. Bell advocated the bill. He could not agree with C. M. Cooke that this bill would not advance the interests of the farmer. At present the farmers were at the mercy of the laborer when he had to furnish him with provisions, and this bill would give them some protection. Mr. Kerr sustained the views of Mr. Bell. The requirements that these liens should be written is burdensome to the farmer and works hardships.

Pending the discussion of this bill, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Means offered a bill to call a Convention of the people. The bill provides that a Convention of the people shall be called, two-thirds of the Legislature concurring; it must meet in Raleigh, on Monday, ——day of ——, 1875; said Convention to consist of 120 delegates, each delegate to the Convention is to take an oath not to do anything contrary to the act under which the Convention is called.

The 15th section of this bill, provides that the following propositions shall be submitted to the people, that they may be restricted or not restricted. The former of which shall be understood as expressed by the votes "restriction," the latter by the votes of "no restriction," viz: As to the homestead section, the rights of married women section, except that the Convention may enlarge their rights, the power of vacating officers now existing under the present Constitution.

A Resoution by Mr. Tate in regard to the Western N. C. Railroad was passed. The Resolution appoints the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House to investigate into the affairs of the road, and see if the road could be purchased by the State.

FRIDAY, Dec. 18.—The unfinished business of yesterday being the consideration of Mr. Bell's bill to make the furnishing of provisions as supplies to croppers and tenants to constitute a lien without any written agreement, and to take precedence of all other liens, was taken up and discussed.

The original bill requiring only an oral agreement to constitute the lien was put upon its second reading and passed by the deciding vote of the President.

The House resolution authorizing investigation of the affairs of the Western N. C. Railroad was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

House resolution to appoint a committee of five from the two Houses to examine into all the public improvements and the State's interest in the same was concurred in.

Bill to amend Battle's Revisal, relating to the relations between the owner of land and the croppers thereon, making it a misdemeanor for any lessee or cropper to remove the crops from the farm until the lessor shall have been satisfied, passed its third reading by a vote of 28 ayes, 12 noes.

House bill to amend Battle's Revisal, repeals the law requiring magistrates to give a written report as to the condition of roads and bridges 10 days before the assembling of the Superior Court. Passed its several readings.

HOUSE.—Bill to enforce the performance of contracts, laid on the table.

The following resolutions passed their readings: For the relief of the Lunatic Asylum; the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind; in regard to the State debt; and the bill introduced by Mr. Means to give Magistrates and chief officers of towns and cities, *final* jurisdiction over criminal actions over which they have jurisdiction.

SATURDAY, Dec. 19.—The Senate concurred in the House amendment giving County Treasurers 2½ per cent, where salaries do not exceed $250.

A number of bills passed second reading and postponed till after recess.

HOUSE—Mr. McGubbins' bill authorizing the Commissioners of Rowan county to subscribe $100,000 to the Yadkin Railroad Company, passed its second readings by a vote of 81 yeas to 3 nays.

The bill in relation to clerical aid and traveling expenses for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Tabled.

The *Patriot* gives the following encouraging account of the progress of Jamestown, in Guilford county: "Jamestown is looking up. It now boasts a carding machine, bone mill, shingle and shutter factory, Masonic Lodge, Good Templar Lodge (98 members) and a Grange—with livery stable and market house at the depot. All this within the last year. This looks as if the town was awake."

STATE ITEMS.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.—We glean from the *Leader* some facts concerning the Orphan Asylum at Oxford. From February 20th, 1873, to December 1st, 1874, 241 children have been received by Mr. Mills. Of these 112 were girls and 120 were boys; 105 have been discharged and 2 girls and 2 boys have been returned to their homes; ran away, 5 boys; decoyed away, 3 boys; died 2; cash receipts from December 1, 1873, to December 1, 1874, $10,785 94; disbursements, $10,701 57, leaving on hand $82 35. During the month of November the disbursements amounted to $1,395 93. Of this sum $684 08 was paid in Oxford, besides salaries at the Asylum. The children all seem happy and contented.

The Highest Market Price paid for Old Casting at the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

ACQUITTED ON THE GROUND OF INSANITY.—The young woman Hannah Cox, the Quakeress accused of infanticide at New Garden, some months since, has been found not guilty on the ground of insanity. The trial took place at Greensboro. Dr. Grissom, of the Insane Asylum, testified in the case, giving it as his opinion that the woman was afflicted with epileptic insanity.

The present Sheriff of Catawba county, Jonas Cline, has been in that office twenty-eight years successively. N. R. Jones, Sheriff of Warren, follows next on the list, having been in office eighteen years.

100,000 lbs. Old Casting Wanted! At the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

IMMIGRATION.—A party of twelve or thirteen immigrants from Kansas arrived in this city on their way to Abbottsburg, Bladen county, where they intend settling. They represent the soil of Kansas as extremely fertile, but the grasshoppers as an intolerable pest. They owned land in the afflicted district, but being unable to effect a sale of it, and being determined to remove, they abandoned it.—*Wilmington Star*.

MASONIC.—The last session of this grand body assembled in the city of Raleigh, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

G. M.—G. W. Blount, of Wilson.
G. S. W.—S. C. Thelton, Asheville.
G. J. W.—H. H. Munson, of Wilmington.
G. T.—W. E. Anderson, of Raleigh.
G. S.—Donald W. Bain, of Raleigh.

For Deep Well Pumps, Force Pumps, Hydraulic Rams, Wrought Iron Pipes, Gum Hose, &c., &c., go to the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

Governor Brogden commuted the sentence of death, passed on David Martin for the murder of Willie Carter, to imprisonment for life at hard labor in the penitentiary. It is understood that the commutation was granted on account of the youth of the accused.

J. C. Logan Harris, Solicitor, drew 860 indictments against parties in Halifax for failing to enlist their taxes, both on the poll and property, as required by law.

The SALEM PLOW *will not choke*. Manufactured by the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

Died near Jamestown, N. C., on Dec. 12th, 1874, Eleanor Armfield, aged 86 years, wife of Joseph B. Armfield, aged 89 years, who still survives. They have been living happily together in wedlock almost 68 years.

Newbern has sold 46,500 barrels of fish in the past ten days, aggregating in the whole 50 tons.

For Labor Saving Machinery go to the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

The receipts of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad were $10,000 less this year than last.

Gov. Brogden has granted a pardon to David B. Jones, white, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life from Wayne county, in 1871, for arson.

All varieties Foundry Job Work done at the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

MARRIED.

In Greensboro, on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, by Rev. J. Henry Smith, JOHN PANNEL, Esq., of Henry Co., Va., and Miss LUCY DILLARD, eldest daughter of Col. John H. Dillard.

In Kernersville, on Thursday, Dec. 10th, by Rev. H. P. Cole, Capt. FELIX G. CRUTCHFIELD, of the N. W. N. C. R. R., and Miss SUE HENLEY.

DIED.

In Waughtown, Dec. 17, 1874, of pneumonia, JOHN P. NISSEN, Esq., aged 61 years, 10 months and 7 days.

Mr. Nissen was a well known, unusually energetic citizen, and from small beginnings built up a large business, which, we learn, will be continued by some of the members of his family.

He was a member of the Baptist church and of the fraternity of Odd Fellows, and his funeral was attended by his Lodge and a very large concourse of people at Friedland.

We regret that a lengthy obituary was handed in too late.

In Winston, on Tuesday evening December 22nd, JAMES BEVEL, son of Allen and Julia Bevel, aged 8 years and 10 months.

Salem Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Master, who seeth not as man seeth, hath in his Alwise Providence, on the morning of the 17th of December, 1874, called from our midst, our esteemed and beloved brother, J. P. NISSEN, to share the reward of the righteous in heaven:

Therefore, *Resolved*, That in the death of Bro. Nissen, this Lodge has lost a worthy member, the Church one of her brightest ornaments, and the community one of her most valuable citizens.

Resolved, That while we tender to his bereaved family our hearty sympathy in their great loss, we would recommend to them a firm reliance in the consolation and promises of the gospel which give the blessed assurance that when all earth's pains and sorrows, sickness and death are past, there remaineth a rest to the people of God.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

Resolved, That a copy be furnished the newspapers of Forsyth county, with a request that they be published.

Resolved, That a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge.

Resolved, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

S. T. FRANKLIN,
W. A. WALKER,
A. FOGLE,
} Committee.

The First National Bank of Salem, N. C., Dec. 10th, 1874.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held on Tuesday the 12th day of January next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

W. A. LEMLY, Cashier.

ACROBATS *AT BLUM'S.*

PORTEMONNAIES.—Fine and common. At BLUM'S.

CHRISTMAS SMOKE,
The people will puff during the Holidays. Try the excellent Cigarettes, Cigars, and Pipes at ZEVELY'S.

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are always jolly times, and music is necessary to the festivities. Go and get a Violin, Flutina, Banjo, all ready tuned, at ZEVELY'S.

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The Ladies and Gentlemen all want FINE PERFUMERY for the Holidays. To GET THE BEST go to ZEVELY'S.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the present session of the General Assembly for an Act, incorporating the YADKIN RIVER BRIDGE COMPANY, for the purpose of building a bridge across Yadkin River, at or between Glenn's Ferry and Shallowford. 50-6t

N. C. Conference, Methodist Protestant Church—Appointments.

R. H. WILLS, Pres.

Albemarle Circuit,		Z. T. Harrison.
Roanoke	do	J. R. Ball.
Tar River	do	J. Y. Pegram.
Halifax	do	
Littleton Mission,		S. P. J. Harris.
Granville Circuit,		J. H. Gilbreath.
		J. H. Page, Asst.
N. Granville	do	R. R. Michaux.
		Dr. S. C. Harris, Sup'y Ass't.
Orange	do	G. A. T. Whitaker.
Alamance	do	W. W. Amick.
Randolph	do	H. W. Peeples.
Greensboro	do	A. W. Lineberry.
Asheboro	do	A. M. Lowe.
Guilford	do	C. F. Harris.
Haw River	do	C. A. Pickens.
Davidson	do	H. Lewallen.
Winston	do	W. C. Kennett.
Yadkin	do	A. J. Laughlin.
Stanley	do	J. S. Dunn.
Meckl'nburg	do	D. A. Highfill.
Buncombe	do	T. J. Ogburn.
Pigeon River	do	Unsupplied.
Mocksville	do	W. G. Hamilton.
Catawba	do	T. T. Free.
Mormon	Mission	Z. C. Lineberry.
Surry	do	G. E. Hunt.
Winston		
& Kern's v'le	do	Unsupplied.
Rowan	do	J. C. Deans.
Seaboard	do	J. Ketchum.
Iredell	do	W. G. Hamilton.
McDowell	do	Unsupplied.
Pee Dee	do	Unsupplied.

Alson Gray, Conference Evangelist.

J. G. Whitfield, J. W. Heath, Jos. Causey, W. C. Hammer and J. L. Swain without appointments at their request.

J. P. Michaux, Editor of the *Central Protestant*.

T. H. Pegram, without appointment.

Jacob Guyer transferred to the unstationed list.

John Goodrich in the hands of the President.

W. H. Wills, D. D., and James Deans, Superannuated.

John W. Sessoms, of Bertie county, who was convicted of making a false return as Distillery Surveyor, was sentenced by Judge Brooks on Saturday to three years in the penitentiary. The Judge refused to grant the new trial asked for.

Miss Liddie Briggs died of hemorrhage at Newbern on the 13th inst., at the advanced age of 105 years.

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Salem, N. C., Dec. 3 1874.

THE MARKETS.

Corrected by R. A. Wommack & Co., Dealer in General Merchandise.

Corn, (old)	55	a 0 60	Salt	1 65	a 1 65
Wheat,	1 35	a 1 50	" American,		0 00
Flour,	3 50	a 3 75	Candles ada.	18	a 20
Meal,	2½	a 3	Oils, Linseed,	0 00	a 1 25
Chop,	2½	a 2½	" Kerosene,	22	a 30
Bacon,	15	a 60	Sheetings, Fries' B,		9
Pork,	0 00	a 9 00	" " A		9½
Lard,	12½	a 15	Yarn, Fries,	0 00	a 1 25
Eggs,	00	a 15	Iron,	5½	a 6
Molasses,	38	a 50	Nails,	6	a 6½
Cheese Fac.	18	a 25	Calf Skins, green,	15	cts.
" Mount.	15	a 20	Tallow,	8	a 10
Butter,	25	a 30	Beeswax,	28	a 30
Peas,	75	a 00	Clover Seed,	0 00	a 9 00
Apples, green,	75	a 1 00	Home grown,	0 00	a 0 00
dried,	4	a 10	Barrels Flour, Fruit		50
Potatoes, sw.	40	a 50	Brick,	6 00	a 10 00
" Irish,	100	a 000	Shingles,		
Coffee,	20	a 30	Long leaf pine,	4 50	a 5 50
Sugar,	8	a 15	Hay, per cwt.	40	a 00
" crushed,	15	a 18	Rags,	2½	a
Dried peel., peach.,	12½	a 22	Butter Beans,		13
" unpeel'd "	6	a 8	Dried Cherries	20	to 25

Dried Blackberries, 9

WINSTON TOBACCO MARKET.

PRIMINGS,	4 00	to 6 50
LUGS.—New Common,	6 00	to 7 50
Good,	8 00	to 11 00
Bright,	10 00	to 14 50
Fancy Smokers,	18 00	to 32 00
LEAF.—New Common,	8 00	to 10 50
Good,	12 00	to 18 00
Medium Wrappers,	18 00	to 20 00
Mahogany "	40 00	to 50 00
Fancy "	50 00	to 100 00

Danville Tobacco Market.

PRIMINGS,	0.00 to 0.00
Lugs—Very Common	$8.00 to $9.00
" Good, "	10.00 to 12.00
" Bright, "	15.00 to 20.00
" Smokers,	25.00 to 40.00
Leaf—Common,	10.00 to 12.00
" Good,	12.00 to 18.00
Wrappers.—Medium,	20.00 to 30.00
" Fine,	30.00 to 50.00
" Extra,	80.00 to 100.00

Richmond Tobacco Market.

BLACK.		
LUGS.—Very common	$ 8 50	to 9 50
Medium to good	10 50	to 11 00
Extra	10 00	to 12 50
LEAF—Common	10 00	to 12 50
Medium,	12 50	to 13 50
Good	14 50	to 16 50
Fine	16 50	to 18 00
Extra selections	18 50	to 20 00
BRIGHT.		
LUGS—Common	10 00	to 13 00
Medium to good	14 00	to 22 50
Fine smoking	25 00	to 35 00
Extra smoking	37 50	to 40 00
LEAF—Common to medium	14 00	to 13 00
Good to fine	13 50	to 17 00
Extra fillers	20 00	to 25 00
WRAPPERS—Common	18 00	to 25 00
Medium to good	27 50	to 40 00
Fine	45 00	to 75 00
Extra	80 00	to 150 00
MAHOGANY.		
WRAPPERS—Common to medium	15 00	to 22 50
Good to fine	25 00	to 40 00
Extra	45 00	to 60 00

Notice to Creditors!

HAVING qualified as Executor of the last Will and Testament of John M Vawter, deceased, as required by law, on the 30th day of November, 1874, I hereby notify all persons holding debts or claims against the estate of said deceased, to present them to me, duly authenticated, as required by law, for payment, on or before the 15th day of December, 1875, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All those indebted to the estate of my testator, are notified to make immediate payment as no indulgence can be given.

WM. TURNER.
Executor.

Dec. 15, 1874.

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SALEM, N. C.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1874.

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DRAFTS, &c., &c.

Special Notice.

Publishers of newspapers will be required to pay postage in advance at the mailing office, from and after the first of January next, under the new postal law, on all newspapers sent to subscribers out of the county where published. This arrangement makes it necessary that all subscriptions should be paid in advance; and that all subscribers in arrears should pay up, as it is not reasonable that we should be taxed with the postage in delinquent cases.

We do not intend to increass the price of this paper to those who pay in advance, on account of the new postal arrangement; but again call upon those in arrears to pay up the dues before the end of the year, so we can all take a fresh start with the new year. Two dollars ($2 00) in advance will pay for the PRESS one year, including postage.

Congress.

As usual, the business has been rather preliminary till after the holidays.

But few bills of any particular interest to the South have as yet been introduced.

In the House a bill has been introduced reducing postage to one cent; a bill for the relief of the Southern States by compromising their debts; and a joint resolution investigating the condition of the Southern States.

Washburn, of Mass., presented a petition of Wm. Giles Dix, of Peabody, Mass., setting forth his belief that the time had come when the people, once for all, should decide whether or not they desire and mean to be one sovereign nation, claiming the direct allegiance of all, and directly guarding the rights of all, and asking that Congress appoint a time as early in the coming year as may be deemed best for the delegates chosen, one from each Congressional District, to meet in Philadelphia to consider and form a National Constitution, which, if approved by the people voting as one people without the intervention of the States shall be declared by the Executive to be the organic National law, superseding the Federal Constitution of the United States, as that Constitution supercedes the articles of Confederation. Referred to the Committee on Revision of Laws.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.—The Republican Senators in Washington, in caucus, on the 19th, had under consideration Southern affairs and finances. No action was taken in regard to Southern affairs, but there was unanimity on the point that all citizens in that section must be protected in their lawful rights. The question was postponed to a future but early caucus.

The debate on the Finances took a wide range, but all who spoke expressed the opinion that something was necessary to be done, and that, therefore, it was the part of wise statesmanship to harmonize their views if possible.

After a long discussion the report was adopted by the caucus, and the bill agreed upon will be reported at an early day to the Senate.

According to the best attainable information it provides for the resumption of specie payments on the 1st January, 1879, for free banking, and for the retiring of greenbacks to the extent of 80. per cent. of the amount of the new National bank notes issued.

It also requires the $46,000,000 of fractional currency to be gradually withdrawn and silver coin in denominations of from 5 to 50 cents issued in its place. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to use the surplus coin in the treasury on and after the day fixed for the resumptions to redeem the legal tenders, and, if necessary, to sell bonds for the same purpose if the amount of specie is not sufficient.

A very unfortunate difficulty took place in Greensboro last week, between Adolphus Moore, of Alamance, and one Green, who a year ago circulated a libel against Moore. J. M. Moore and Green were in Greensboro attending court, and while at the dinner table Moore pulled Green's ears. That afterwards, while Moore, Green, Fuller (the latter's lawyer,) and Swepson were in Fuller's room, Moore fired three shots at Green, one ball grazing the hair, and one his pocket-book. Green fled, when Moore drew a knife and attempted to cut Fuller. Fuller drew a pistol and was in the act of shooting Moore when Dr. Holt knocked his arm up. Moore was arrested and put under a bond of $4,000.—*Landmark.*

Insurrectionary indications are noticed among the negroes in the eastern part of Rowan county, and the adjoining part of Davidson county. The people are reported as being much alarmed at the warlike demonstrations of the negroes, who are reported as holding meetings and drilling with arms in the night time.

NAVIGATION OF YADKIN RIVER.—The project of opening navigation on the Yadkin River from the Railroad bridge of the North Carolina Railroad, near Salisbury, is again being agitated. A company is being formed for the prosecution of the work, and a charter will be applied for at this session of the General Assembly.

DEATH OF THE REPUBLIC.—The *Republic*, the new Administration organ in New York, has been discontinued, after a few months' publication.

THE RECESS.—The Legislature adjourned Monday, and will meet again the third Monday in January next.

Congress has also adjourned over the holidays.

THE CAPE FEAR FAIR, held in Wilmington last week, is represented as having been a complete success. The usual number of side shows and gamblers were present.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A new civil suit has commenced against Tweed, in which Edward Marrener is joined as a defendant in behalf of the city to recover from both $550,000, alleged to have been fraudulently charged by Marrener for supplies to the Street Department, and fraudulently certified to by Tweed as Deputy Street Commissioner.

The Polkton *Ansonian* says: Some weeks since, Mr. W. E. Horne, in this township, had his house entered and four thousand dollars in gold and about four hundred dollars in currency taken from a trunk. Informing a few of his friends of his loss, they kept a vigilant watch for some trace of the rogues. The free use of money by Lemuel Dean and his brother Henderson (colored) led to suspicion, and they were very closely watched. Both these men took the Western train at this place some days ago, and upon following them up it was found that they exchanged a large amount of gold, in Monroe, for currency, paid twenty dollars for the hire of a team from there to Charlotte, where it was found that they sold four or five hundred dollars of the gold in one of the banks. They came to this place on Tuesday morning, to take the train for the Fair in Wilmington, when they were arrested upon a warrant issued by Esquire Williams. Upon trial, the above facts, with strong corroborating circumstances pointing to their guilt, were established.

But a few days more before the wheels will turn, that will decide who are the lucky ones that will secure $50,000, $25,000, $15,000, $10,000, $5,000, 2,500, and many other valuable gifts in the Texas Gift Concert Association at Denison. The 31st of December, will soon be at hand; don't forget the date and secure a ticket before it is too late.

REMOVED.—The U. S. Revenue Collectors office has been removed from Statesville to Salisbury.

HONG KONG, Dec. 19.—The Pacific mail steamer Japan has been burned at sea. It is feared that many lives have been lost. The mails were lost.

THE SPIRITUALISTS.—Robert Dale Owen, who has done so much to popularize the American version of the English "Katie King" wonder, and who has committed himself so unreservedly in the *Atlantic Monthly* to the validity of these "materialization," is compelled to admit in a card over his own name that he has been deceived. And Dr. Henry T. Childs, who was chief fugleman for the Holmeses, and who even went so far as to write "inspirational" lives of Katie King and her fierce papa, also declares that the whole thing is an imposter. Next!

INDIANS.—The total number of Indians is about 250,000, divided into 89,813 in a wild state, 51,429 who are making some efforts to become civilized, about 80,000 who hold real estate, about 15,000 who have always been self-supporting, and some 14,000 in vagrant bands. Of the wild Indians not more than 10,000 are now classed as hostile, and the Commissioner estimates 500 warriors as the largest number that can be gathered for war-like purposes against the whites. The enormous cost of providing for this small body of men is a striking evidence of misgovernment in the past. As between bad Indians and the bad government of them, we sincere believe that the latter is the most responsible of the two.

RELIEF BILL.—Hon. Wm. A. Smith, of North Carolina, has introduced into Congress a bill for the relief of the Southern States, by a compromise of their debts. The bill provides that the money collected from the Southern people as a tax on their cotton product shall be appropriated to pay the debts of the Southern States. The Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General are directed to confer with the creditors and agree upon a compromise. The money paid as cotton tax by the people of a State is to be devoted to the payment of the debt of such State. If the amount is insufficient to pay the whole, it is to be applied to debts of the oldest date as far as it will go. Where there is a surplus, it shall be paid over to the State for free school purposes.

Yancey Pledger, alias Lash, a colored young fellow who has acquired some notoriety in Winston, Forsyth county, in getting dogs to the top of their speed, by the use of kerosene oil and lucifer matches, came to Danbury a few days ago, got an old double barrel pistol and took a few boys out of the village to show them how to use firearms, loaded the piece, put his hand over the muzzle, drew the hammer to see how it would strike and the shot whizzed through his hand—he threw it down, ran around the field grunting and saying he didn't think the d—n thing would go off.—*Reporter.*

CHARLOTTE & WILMINGTON.—The Carolina Central railway has been pushed forward with commendable speed and energy, and railroad connection has been made between Wilmington and Charlotte, the gap being finally closed up on the 15th inst. The first train run through consisted of some seven or eight coaches, all loaded with visitors to Wilmington and the Fair. It is estimated that there were at least 700 persons on the train, including about one hundred cadets of Col. J. P. Thomas' military school, of Charlotte, commanded by the Principal in person.

COUNTERFEIT NOTES.—The new counterfeit fifty cent note is thus described: On the counterfeit, the lock of hair in the corner of Dexter's forehead touches the other hair at each end, while in the genuine it is a "C" shaped lock, and touches only at the lower end. On the upper right hand corner of the back, a figure in 1863 is reversed, so it faces to the right instead of the left. The paper, too, is thicker than the genuine. Lines are printed on the back to imitate the silk threads, but they are not found on the face of the piece.—*Charlotte Observer.*

A Christmas Tree.

I have been looking on, this evening, at a merry company of children assembled round that pretty German toy, a Christmas tree. The tree was planted in the middle of a great round table, and towered high above their heads. It was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers, and everywhere glittered and sparkled with bright objects. There were rosy-cheeked dolls hiding behind the green leaves; there were real watches (with movable hands, at least, and an endless capacity of being wound up) dangling from innumerable twigs; there were French polished tables, chairs, bedsteads, wardrobes, and eight-day clocks, (wonderfully made in tin, at Wolverhampton), perched among the boughs, as if in preparation for some fairy housekeeping; there were jolly, broad-faced little men, much more agreeable in appearance than many real men—and no wonder, for their heads took off, and showed them to be full of sugar-plums; there were fiddles and drums; there were tamborines, books, work-boxes, paint-boxes, sweetmeat-boxes, peep-show-boxes, all kinds of boxes; there were trinkets for the elder girls, far brighter than any grown up gold and jewels; there were baskets and pin cushions in all devices; there were guns, swords and banners; there were standing in enchanted rings of paste-board, to tell fortunes; there were tee-totums, humming tops, needle-cases, pen-wipers, smelling bottles, conversation-cards, bouquet-holders; real fruit, made artificially dazzling with gold leaf; imitation apples, pears and walnuts, crammed with surprises; in short, as a pretty child before me, delightfully whispered to another pretty child, her bosom frend, "There was everything and more." This motley collection of odd objects, clustering on the tree like magic fruit, and flashing back the bright looks directed towards it from every side—some of the diamond-eyes were hardly on a level with the table, and a few were languishing in timid wonder on the bosoms of pretty mothers, aunts and nurses—made a lively realization of the fancies of childhood; and set me thinking how all the trees that grow and all the things that come into existence on the earth, have their wild adornments at that well-remembered time.—*Charles Dickens.*

STATE LEGISLATURE.

CONDENSED FROM THE RALEIGH NEWS.

MONDAY, Dec. 14—SENATE.—A bill to amend Battle's Revisal by paying Solicitors $10 in each case where a person shall be convicted of felony, failed to pass.

A bill to take from Magistrates' jurisdiction, cases of fornication and adultery, passed its second reading. It will become a law.

A bill to relieve Holden of his disabilities was postponed till Jan. 21st.

HOUSE.—On a question of Personal Privilege, Capt. Tate, made a statement concerning the Western North Carolina Railroad.

Mr. Oaksmith introduced a bill to protect the States' interest in railroads. He said that on Wednesday next the stockholders of a certain railroad in which the State held an interest of $1,600,000 were ordered to meet and the early passage of the bill was necessary to protect the property of the State, &c.

The road referred to was the Atlantic & North Carolina. The bill was referred to a Committee.

TUESDAY Dec. 15—SENATE.—A resolution was introduced to investigate the affairs of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company.

Mr. Morehead introduced a bill to call a Convention to amend the Constitution of this State. Restricts any action or debate upon the existing laws in regard to the homestead and personal property exemptions, the mechanics' and laborers, lien, and the rights of married women, as now secured by law, except that said Convention may recommend them, on either of them, to be enlarged and may restrict the homestead and personal property exemptions to contracts. Referred to Committee on Constitutional Reform.

Mr. Mills also introduced a bill to call a Convention to amend the Constitution of this State. [Has similar restrictions to the bill introduced by Mr. Morehead.] Referred to committee on Constitution Reform.

A bill in relation to the indebtedness of the Insane Asylum to pay to the said Asylum $7,800 to relieve it of indebtedness incurred above appropriations within the last two years, was passed.

HOUSE.—Mr. Walker, from the Select Committee to examine into the charges against J. C. L. Harris, report that after strict trial a majority of the same find that the charges are not sufficient to warrant his impeachment.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14—SENATE.—The Usury Bill was the great feature to-day in the Senate. The bill was postponed to January 20th 1875.

HOUSE.—The most important matter before the House to-day was the following. On motion of Mr. McIver, the bill to repeal sections 5 and 6, chapter 2, Battle's Revisal, was taken up. [The bill repeals the annual appropriation by the State of $1,500 to the State Fair.]

The bill passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 89, nays 13.

THURSDAY Dec. 17—SENATE.—Mr. C. M. Cooke introduced a resolution to appoint a Joint Committee of five of the two Houses, to be composed of five members of the Joint Committee on the Public Debt, to confer with the creditors of the State, in order that some plan may be considered for the adjustment of the public debt. The said committee to meet in Raleigh on the 14th of January next, inviting the bondholders or creditors to meet them at that time. Mr. Love moved an amendment that the Committee of Conference be composed of the full Joint Committee of the two Houses. The amendment passed, and the Resolution was adopted.

A bill to make the furnishing of provisions as supplies to croppers and tenants a lien without any written agreement, and to take precedence of all other liens was taken up. Mr. C. M. Cooke stated that the Judiciary Committee, in reporting unfavorable upon this bill, believed that it would prove of no benefit to the farmer—it would prove only an *ignis fatuus* to the class it was intended to benefit, and reasoned at some length to sustain his position.

Mr. Bell advocated the bill. He could not agree with C. M. Cooke that this bill would not advance the interests of the farmer. At present the farmers were at the mercy of the laborer when he had to furnish him with provisions, and this bill would give them some protection. Mr. Kerr sustained the views of Mr. Bell. The requirements that these liens should be written is burdensome to the farmer and works hardships.

Pending the discussion of this bill, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Means offered a bill to call a Convention of the people. The bill provides that a Convention of the people shall be called, two-thirds of the Legislature concurring; it must meet in Raleigh, on Monday, ——day of ——, 1875; said Convention to consist of 120 delegates, each delegate to the Convention is to take an oath not to do anything contrary to the act under which the Convention is called.

The 15th section of this bill, provides that the following propositions shall be submitted to the people, that they may be restricted or not restricted. The former of which shall be understood as expressed by the votes "restriction," the latter by the votes of "no restriction," viz: As to the homestead section, the rights of married women section, except that the Convention may enlarge their rights, the power of vacating officers now existing under the present Constitution.

A Resoution by Mr. Tate in regard to the Western N. C. Railroad was passed. The Resolution appoints the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House to investigate into the affairs of the road, and see if the road could be purchased by the State.

FRIDAY, Dec. 18.—The unfinished business of yesterday being the consideration of Mr. Bell's bill to make the furnishing of provisions as supplies to croppers and tenants to constitute a lien without any written agreement, and to take precedence of all other liens, was taken up and discussed.

The original bill requiring only an oral agreement to constitute the lien was put upon its second reading and passed by the deciding vote of the President.

The House resolution authorizing investigation of the affairs of the Western N. C. Railroad was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

House resolution to appoint a committee of five from the two Houses to examine into all the public improvements and the State's interest in the same was concurred in.

Bill to amend Battle's Revisal, relating to the relations between the owner of land and the croppers thereon, making it a misdemeanor for any lessee or cropper to remove the crops from the farm until the lessor shall have been satisfied, passed its third reading by a vote of 28 ayes, 12 noes.

House bill to amend Battle's Revisal, repeals the law requiring magistrates to give a written report as to the condition of roads and bridges 10 days before the assembling of the Superior Court. Passed its several readings.

HOUSE.—Bill to enforce the performance of contracts, laid on the table.

The following resolutions passed their readings: For the relief of the Lunatic Asylum; the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind; in regard to the State debt; and the bill introduced by Mr. Means to give Magistrates and chief officers of towns and cities, *final* jurisdiction over criminal actions over which they have jurisdiction.

SATURDAY, Dec. 19.—The Senate concurred in the House amendment giving County Treasurers 2½ per cent. where salaries do not exceed $250.

A number of bills passed second reading and postponed till after recess.

HOUSE.—Mr. McGubbins' bill authorizing the Commissioners of Rowan county to subscribe $100,000 to the Yadkin Railroad Company, passed its second readings by a vote of 81 yeas to 3 nays.

The bill in relation to clerical aid and traveling expenses for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Tabled.

The *Patriot* gives the following encouraging account of the progress of Jamestown, in Guilford county: "Jamestown is looking up. It now boasts a carding machine, bone mill, shingle and shutter factory, Masonic Lodge, Good Templar Lodge (98 members) and a Grange—with livery stable and market house at the depot. All this within the last year. This looks as if the town was awake."

STATE ITEMS.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.—We glean from the *Leader* some facts concerning the Orphan Asylum at Oxford. From February 20th, 1873, to December 1st, 1874, 241 children have been received by Mr. Mills. Of these 112 were girls and 120 were boys; 105 have been discharged and 2 girls and 2 boys have been returned to their homes; ran away, 5 boys; decoyed away, 3 boys; died 2; cash receipts from December 1, 1873, to December 1, 1874, $10,783 94; disbursements, $10,701 57, leaving on hand $82 35. During the month of November the disbursements amounted to $1,395 93. Of this sum $684 08 was paid in Oxford, besides salaries at the Asylum. The children all seem happy and contented.

The Highest Market Price paid for Old Casting at the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

ACQUITTED ON THE GROUND OF INSANITY.—The young woman Hannah Cox, the Quakeress accused of infanticide at New Garden, some months since, has been found not guilty on the ground of insanity. The trial took place at Greensboro. Dr. Grissom, of the Insane Asylum, testified in the case, giving it as his opinion that the woman was afflicted with epileptic insanity.

The present Sheriff of Catawba county, Jonas Cline, has been in that office twenty-eight years successively. N. R. Jones, Sheriff of Warren, follows next on the list, having been in office eighteen years.

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IMMIGRATION.—A party of twelve or thirteen immigrants from Kansas arrived in this city on their way to Abbottsburg, Bladen county, where they intend settling. They represent the soil of Kansas as extremely fertile, but the grasshoppers as an intolerable pest. They owned land in the afflicted district, but being unable to effect a sale of it, and being determined to remove, they abandoned it.—*Wilmington Star.*

MASONIC.—The last session of this grand body assembled in the city of Raleigh, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

G. M.—G. W. Blount, of Wilson.
G. S. W.—S. C. Thelton, Asheville.
G. J. W.—H. H. Munson, of Wilmington.
G. T.—W. E. Anderson, of Raleigh.
G. S.—Donald W. Bain, of Raleigh.

For Deep Well Pumps, Force Pumps, Hydraulic Rams, Wrought Iron Pipes, Gum Hose, &c., &c., go to the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

Governor Brogden commuted the sentence of death, passed on David Martin for the murder of Willie Carter, to imprisonment for life at hard labor in the penitentiary. It is understood that the commutation was granted on account of the youth of the accused.

J. C. Logan Harris, Solicitor, drew 860 indictments against parties in Halifax for failing to enlist their taxes, both on the poll and property, as required by law.

The SALEM PLOW *will not choke.* Manufactured by the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

Died near Jamestown, N. C., on Dec. 12th, 1874, Eleanor Armfield, aged 86 years, wife of Joseph B. Armfield, aged 89 years, who still survives. They have been living happily together in wedlock almost 68 years.

Newbern has sold 46,500 barrels of fish in the past ten days, aggregating in the whole 50 tons.

For Labor Saving Machinery go to the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

The receipts of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad were $10,000 less this year than last.

Gov. Brogden has granted a pardon to David B. Jones, white, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life from Wayne county, in 1871, for arson.

All varieties Foundry Job Work done at the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

MARRIED.

In Greensboro, on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, by Rev. J. Henry Smith, JOHN PANNEL, Esq., of Henry Co., Va., and Miss LUCY DILLARD, eldest daughter of Col. John H. Dillard.

In Kernersville, on Thursday, Dec. 10th, by Rev. H. P. Cole, Capt. FELIX G. CRUTCHFIELD, of the N. W. N. C. R. R., and Miss SUE HENLEY.

DIED.

In Waughtown, Dec. 17, 1874, of pneumonia, JOHN P. NISSEN, Esq., aged 61 years, 10 months and 7 days.

Mr. Nissen was a well known, unusually energetic citizen, and from small beginnings built up a large business, which, we learn, will be continued by some of the members of his family.

He was a member of the Baptist church and of the fraternity of Odd Fellows, and his funeral was attended by his Lodge and a very large concourse of people at Friedland.

We regret that a lengthy obituary was handed in too late.

In Winston, on Tuesday evening December 22nd, JAMES BEVEL, son of Allen and Julia Bevel, aged 8 years and 10 months.

Salem Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Master, who seeth not as man seeth, hath in his Alwise Providence, on the morning of the 17th of December, 1874, called from our midst, our esteemed and beloved brother, J. P. NISSEN, to share the reward of the righteous in heaven:

Therefore, *Resolved*, That in the death of Bro. Nissen, this Lodge has lost a worthy member, the Church one of her brightest ornaments, and the community one of her most valuable citizens.

Resolved, That while we tender to his bereaved family our hearty sympathy in their great loss, we would recommend to them a firm reliance in the consolation and promises of the gospel which give the blessed assurance that when all earth's pains and sorrows, sickness and death are past, there remaineth a rest to the people of God.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

Resolved, That a copy be furnished the newspapers of Forsyth county, with a request that they be published.

Resolved, That a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge.

Resolved, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

S. T. FRANKLIN,
W. A. WALKER,
A. FOGLE,
} Committee.

The First National Bank of Salem, N. C., Dec. 10th, 1874.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held on Tuesday the 12th day of January next, at 3 o'clock, P. M. W. A. LEMLY, Cashier.

ACROBATS *AT BLUM'S.*

PORTEMONNAIES.—Fine and common. At BLUM'S.

CHRISTMAS SMOKE,
The people will puff during the Holidays. Try the excellent Cigarettes, Cigars, and Pipes at ZEVELY'S.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
are always jolly times, and music is necessary to the festivities. Go and get a Violin, Flutina, Banjo, all ready tuned, at ZEVELY'S.

XMAS PERFUMERY!
The Ladies and Gentlemen all want FINE PERFUMERY for the Holidays. To GET THE BEST go to ZEVELY'S.

FINE BOOKS
PROSE and POETRY in attractive Bindings,
At the - - - - BOOK-STORE.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the present session of the General Assembly for an Act, incorporating the YADKIN RIVER BRIDGE COMPANY, for the purpose of building a bridge across Yadkin River, at or between Glenn's Ferry and Shallowford. 50-6t

N. C. Conference, Methodist Protestant Church—Appointments.

R. H. WILLS, PRES.

Albemarle Circuit,	Z. T. Harrison.
Roanoke do	J. R. Ball.
Tar River do	J. Y. Pegram.
Halifax do	
Littleton Mission,	S. P. J. Harris.
Granville Circuit,	J. H. Gilbreath.
	J. H. Page, Asst.
N. Granville do	R. R. Michaux.
	Dr. S. C. Harris, Sup'y Ass't.
Orange do	G. A. T. Whitaker.
Alamance do	W. W. Amick.
Randolph do	H. W. Peeples.
Greensboro do	A. W. Lineberry.
Asheboro do	A. M. Lowe.
Guilford do	C. F. Harris.
Haw River do	C. A. Pickens.
Davidson do	H. Lewallen.
Winston do	W. C. Kennett.
Yadkin do	A. J. Laughlin.
Stanley do	J. S. Dunn.
Meckl'nburg do	D. A. Highhill.
Buncombe do	T. J. Ogburn.
Pigeon River do	Unsupplied.
Mocksville do	W. G. Hamilton.
Catawba do	T. T. Free.
Mormon Mission	Z. C. Lineberry.
Surry do	G. E. Hunt.
Winston	
& Kern's v'le do	Unsupplied.
Rowan do	J. C. Deans.
Seaboard do	J. Ketchum.
Iredell do	W. G. Hamilton.
McDowell do	Unsupplied.
Pee Dee do	Unsupplied.

Alson Gray, Conference Evangelist.

J. G. Whitfield, J. W. Heath, Jos. Causey, W. C. Hammer and J. L. Swain without appointments at their request.

J. P. Michaux, Editor of the *Central Protestant.*

T. H. Pegram, without appointment.

Jacob Guyer transferred to the unstationed list.

John Goodrich in the hands of the President.

W. H. Wills, D. D., and James Deans, Superannuated.

John W. Sessoms, of Bertie county, who was convicted of making a false return as Distillery Surveyor, was sentenced by Judge Brooks on Saturday to three years in the penitentiary. The Judge refused to grant the new trial asked for.

Miss Liddie Briggs died of hemorrhage at Newbern on the 13th inst., at the advanced age of 105 years.

FANCY
GOODS & TOYS.

THE finest assortment of FANCY GOODS and TOYS in town at

F. W. Meller's Bazaar,

now on hand and still more coming, such as CHINA,
GLASS,
PARIAN,
MARBLE,
LAVA WARE, &c.,
as well as a good assortment of DOLLS, COMMON TOYS, &c., for the little folks.

Also all kinds of CONFECTIONERY such as fresh, plain and fancy
CANDIES,
CAKES,
ORANGES,
LEMONS,
BANANAS,
FIGS,
RAISINS,
DATES,
CURRANTS,
CITRON, and
all kinds of FRESH NUTS.

Thankful for the patronage bestowed by a generous public, I hope, by a close attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same.

Remember, our establishment is headquarters for FANCY GOODS, TOYS and CONFECTIONS.

F. W. MELLER.

Salem, N. C., Dec. 3 1874.

THE MARKETS.

Corrected by R. A. Wommack & Co., Dealer in General Merchandise.

Corn, (old)	55 a 0 60	Salt	1 65 a 1 65
Wheat,	1 35 a 1 50	" American,	0 00
Flour,	3 50 a 3 75	Candles adz.	18 a 20
Meal,	2½ a 3	Oils, Linseed,	0 00 a 1 25
Chop,	2½ a 2½	" Kerosene,	22 a 30
Bacon,	15 a 60	Sheetings, Fries' B,	9
Pork,	0 00 a 9 00	" " A	9½
Lard,	12½ a 15	Yarn, Fries,	0 00 a 1 25
Eggs,	00 a 15	Iron,	5½ a 6
Molasses,	38 a 50	Nails,	6 a 6½
Cheese Fac.	18 a 25	Calf Skins, green,	15 cts.
" Mount.	15 a 20	Tallow,	8 a 10
Butter,	25 a 30	Beeswax,	28 a 30
Peas,	75 a 00	Clover Seed,	0 00 a 9 00
Apples, green,	75 a 1 00	Home grown,	0 00 a 0 00
dried,	4 a 10	Barrels Flour, Fruit	50
Potatoes, sw.	40 a 50	Brick,	6 00 a 10 00
" irish,	100 a 000	Shingles,	
Coffee,	20 a 30	Long leaf pine,	4 50 a 5 50
Sugar,	8 a 15	Hay, per cwt.	40 a 00
" crushed,	15 a 18	Rags,	2½ a
Dried peel., peach.,	12½ a 22	Butter Beans,	13
" unpeel'd "	6 a 8	Dried Cherries	20 to 25

Dried Blackberries, 9

WINSTON TOBACCO MARKET.

PRIMINGS,		4 00 to 6 50
LUGS.—New Common,		6 00 to 7 50
Good,		8 00 to 11 00
Bright,		10 00 to 14 50
Fancy Smokers,		18 00 to 32 00
LEAF.—New Common,		8 00 to 10 50
Good,		12 00 to 18 00
Medium Wrappers,		18 00 to 20 00
Mahogany	"	40 00 to 50 00
Fancy	"	50 00 to 100 00

Danville Tobacco Market.

PRIMINGS,	0.00 to 0.00
Lugs—Very Common	$8.00 to $9.00
" Good, "	10.00 to 12.00
" Bright, "	15.00 to 20.00
" " Smokers,	25.00 to 40.00
Leaf—Common,	10.00 to 12.00
" Good,	12.00 to 18.00
Wrappers.—Medium,	20.00 to 30.00
" Fine,	30.00 to 50.00
" Extra,	80.00 to 100.00

Richmond Tobacco Market.

BLACK.		
LUGS.—Very common	$ 8 50	to 9 50
Medium to good	10 50	to 11 00
Extra	10 00	to 12 50
LEAF—Common	10 00	to 12 50
Medium.	12 50	to 13 50
Good	14 50	to 16 50
Fine	16 50	to 18 00
Extra selections	18 50	to 20 00
BRIGHT.		
LUGS—Common	10 00	to 13 00
Medium to good	14 00	to 22 50
Fine smoking	25 00	to 35 00
Extra smoking	27 50	to 40 00
LEAF—Common to medium	14 00	to 13 00
Good to fine	13 50	to 17 00
Extra fillers	20 00	to 25 00
WRAPPERS—Common	18 00	to 25 00
Medium to good	27 50	to 40 00
Fine	45 00	to 75 00
Extra	80 00	to 150 00
MAHOGANY.		
WRAPPERS—Common to medium	15 00	to 22 50
Good to fine	25 00	to 40 00
Extra	45 00	to 60 00

Notice to Creditors!

HAVING qualified as Executor of the last Will and Testament of John M Vawter, deceased, as required by law, on the 30th day of November, 1874, I hereby notify all persons holding debts or claims against the estate of said deceased, to present them to me, duly authenticated, as required by law, for payment, on or before the 15th day of December, 1875, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All those indebted to the estate of my testator, are notified to make immediate payment as no indulgence can be given.

WM. TURNER.
Executor.

Dec. 15, 1874.

The American Sardine Co's Boneless Sardines, are much better, and less than half the cost of imported Sardines. 104y.

AHEAD OF ALL
COMPETITION!

M. H. LANGFELD,

WINSTON, N. C.,

WOULD respectfully return to his numerous customers grateful thanks for the very liberal patronage extended to him in the past, and announces that his Stock is now full and complete in all kinds of

FALL AND WINTER

GOODS,

COMPRISING VERY FULL ASSORTMENTS OF

General Merchandise,

BEING

THE BEST,
THE LARGEST,
THE MOST VARIED,

And the CHEAPEST STOCK OF GOODS ever brought to this market.

DRY GOODS,
DRESS GOODS,
GENT'S GOODS,
Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes,

and ANYTHING ELSE WANTED, to which we invite the attention of all.

My facilities for Jobbing are unsurpassed, and I invite

COUNTRY MERCHANTS

To call and inspect my stock and prices. Dec. 10.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Post Office Directory.

Salem, N. C., Post Office Arrangement.—Office hours from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. during the week. As no mails arrive or depart on Sunday the office will not be open on that day.

TIME OF ARRIVAL AND CLOSING THE MAILS

Railroad, from Greensboro to Salem, closes every day, except Sundays, at 8, a. m.; due every day, except Sunday, by 5.30, p. m.

Mount Airy mail, *via* Old Town, Bethania, Little Yadkin, Tom's Creek and Flat Shoals: closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8½, a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, by 12.30, p. m.

Madison mail, *via* Sedge Garden, Germanton and Walnut Cove, due, Monday, Wednesday and Friday: by 3, p. m.; Closes, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 8 a. m.

Jerusalem mail, *via* Friedberg, Miller's Mill, Elbaville and Fulton: closes every Friday at 7, a. m. due, every Saturday, by 7, p. m.

Jonesville mail, *via* Mt. Tabor, Vienna, Red Plains and East Bend: due every Friday, by 7, p. m.; closes every Saturday, at 6, a. m.

Walkertown mail, *via* Salem Chapel, White Road, Belew's Creek Mills and Blakely: closes every Friday, at 4, p. m.; due, every Saturday, by 7, p. m.

Panther Creek mail, *via* Lewisville: closes every Saturday, at 7, a. m.; due, by 8, p. m.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

Baskets & Brackets,

Of every variety at the - BOOKSTORE.

Christmas.

To-morrow is Christmas-Day,—the festival of rejoicing throughout Christendom, particularly so among children and the junior portion of mankind. This festival is religiously observed in the churches, and as a customary thing all mankind takes a general holiday,—a relaxation from trouble and care to those who are in the enjoyment of health.

This number closes our twenty-second volume. The next issue will be on January 7th, 1875.

We again tender the compliments of the season: also embracing this opportunity to remind a number of our patrons that the commencement of a new year is an appropriate time to settle accounts.

TOY BOOKS

Bound in Cloth and Paper. Decidedly the most attractive books for children ever offered at the - - - BOOKSTORE.

THE RAILROAD SUIT.—We learn that in all probability, the verdict of the jury in the Forsyth County Railroad suit will be set aside, and a new trial granted, upon the ground that the verdict rendered was contrary to the evidence. Judge Wilson still holds that irregularities, if any existed, were caused by the act of Assembly of August, 1868, and by the subsequent action of the County authorities.

A B C BLOCKS PICTURE CUBES, CUT UP PICTURES and GAMES in great variety at the BOOKSTORE.

THE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT at the close of the Fall Session of Salem Female Academy was well attended. Everything passed off well. The young ladies performing their various parts with more than usual ability. Several of the pieces were arranged for the occasion by Prof. Lineback, and the medley of popular and national songs was excellently rendered. The entire programme exhibited an excellence of which the friends of the institution may well feel proud.

After a vacation of two weeks the Spring Session will open.

BIBLES! BIBLES!!

Pocket and Family Bibles from 40 cents up to $10. We call especial attention to the elegant full gilt Family Bible for $6. These books are within reach of all. Plain Family Bibles at $2 50.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE AND CONCERT ON DEC. 24.—This entertainment promises to be one of rare excellence, being prepared expressly for the occasion by Rev. A. L. Oerter. Prof. Lineback arranged the music in the best and most appropriate style. A rich treat may therefore be expected.

The church will be handsomely decorated and a new painting representing the Holy Family has been procured, which will add much to the interest of the occasion. The following programme will be observed:

SONG—Arise my spirit, &c. Moravian Hymn Book, No. 31.

PART I.

Cæsar Augustus in his palace at Rome, with lords in attendance. An embassy from Herod arrives. The decree that all the world be taxed, is issued.

SONG.—"What good news," &c. No. 33.

PART II.

Maidens of Nazareth in Galilee, at the fountain, with their water jars, conversing. One relates a dream of hers, in which an angel appeared to Mary.

SONG.—"Peace on earth," &c. No. 46.

PART III.

Zacharias the priest, with others, on his housetop, at Hebron, on the night of the nativity. The neighbors, on their housetops. They converse of the times, and ancient prophecies, and conclude that Messiah is at hand. They hear the sound of distant melody, which Zacharias affirms is not of men.

SONG.—"Hark, the herald angels sing." No. 41.

PART IV.

Citizens of Bethlehem in the street, the morning after the Nativity. While they converse a company of travelers appears, having come to Bethlehem to be enrolled. They had pitched their tents outside the gate, and heard the sound of singing in the night. Wishing to go to the inn, they are told there is no room there. The shepherds appear and announce the birth of Christ.

SONG.—Hosanna to the royal Son. No. 48.

PART V.

Citizens of Jerusalem converse about the recent proclamation of the shepherds, and the arrival of the Wise Men of the East. These appear, asking "Where is He that is born king of the Jews?"

SONG.—Come ye redeemed of the Lord. No. 30.

PART VI.

Herod with the assembled chief priests and scribes. He learns from them where Christ shall be born. Sends for the Wise Men, inquires concerning the star, and sends them to Bethlehem.

SONG.—Say ye blest seraphic legions. No. 38.

PART VII.

The Wise Men arrive at Bethlehem. The Star indicates the place where the child is.

SONG.—Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious. No. 37.

PORTFOLIOS, furnished and unfurnished. SCRAP ALBUMS, in various styles and bindings. PHOTOGRAPH, AUTOGRAPH AND WRITING ALBUMS, Plain and Fancy bindings. All to be had at the BOOKSTORE.

THE HOLIDAY TRADE has been quite brisk among the various stores in town. The shop windows are gay with the brightest colors and glittering baubles for the Christmas tree.

THE CHURCH SERVICES on Sunday night last were calculated to remind one of the near approach of the festive season of Christmas. The music was excellent, and the anthem "Morning Star" was remarkably well rendered by the choir assisted by the young ladies of the Academy.

PAPER KNIVES.—Pearl, Ivory, Bone and Scotchwood Paper Knives. These are beautiful presents, useful as well as ornamental. Also writing setts in Scotchwood, on cards.

WE return thanks to Hon. W. M. Robbins for copies of the *Congressional Record*.

THE EAST BEND HOG RACE.—A premium of $5 was offered for the heaviest hog raised in East Bend Township, Yadkin county, and the following is the result:

P. H. Poinpexter's, 31 months old, 12⅞ lbs. per month, 392¼ lbs.

Adam Hauser's, 17 months old, 21¼ lbs. per month, 365¼ lbs.

J. H. Jenkins', 22 months old, 16¼ lbs. per month, 360½ lbs.

R. C. Poindexter's, 16 months old, 20¼ lbs. per month, 324¼ lbs.

The premium was awarded to Mr. P. H. Poindexter.

FANCY BOXES

At from 15 cents to $1 25. - at BLUM'S.

BE CAREFUL WITH LAMPS.—Tuesday morning we were almost visited by a conflagration which would have proved terribly destructive but for its timely discovery. While the family of Mrs. Veach, who reside between the large wooden buildings occupied by Mr. Charles Brietz, Sr., and Mr. John Wimmer, were at breakfast, a kerosene lamp, which had been placed on a bureau in an adjoining room, exploded, enveloping the bureau in flames. Fortunately it was discovered in time and extinguished. No serious loss.

Now that the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS are near,
You'll all want presents for your friends so dear,
So just give me your attention for a short time,
And I'll name over some of BLUM'S Goods in rhyme:
They have a large stock, which was selected with care,
And their prices are as low as you can find anywhere.
In Books of all kinds, their stock is complete,
Besides they have many other things that are neat:
Such as Initial Note Paper, with Envelopes to match
Which is nice for the girls when a beau they do catch.
Of Pictures they have the largest variety in town,
And some of the handsomest Picture Frames that can be found.
In Work Boxes they have something that's very good,
They are finished off nice and made of the best wood,
Their Fancy Boxes, to make presents with, are nice,
And are sold at an exceedingly low price.
Their Writing Desks are very handsome and cheap,
And will make a present which a long time will keep.
If you want Baskets and Brackets, give them a call,
They have them on hand, both large and small.
In order that the children should not be neglected,
Their supply of Toy Books is large and well selected.
They have Blocks for children to learn their A B C's,
And Cut up Pictures which are bound to please.
Their Chromos are pretty and can hardly be told
From most of the oil-paintings that are now sold.
Albums of all kinds at Blum's can be found,
Also Poems that are most elegantly bound.
Their supply of Fancy Articles is hard to excell,
They are nice to look at and are gotten up well.
Now, while you are hunting up presents for Christmas Day,
Just give Blum's a call, you'll find it will pay.

GENERAL NEWS.

Don't fail to visit the Salem Agricultural Works when you come to Salem, N. C.

DEATH OF PLEASANT WADDILL, ESQ.—On Thursday evening last, about the hour of seven, at the residence of his daughter in this place, this gentleman breathed his last. He died of a wound from the accidental discharge of a gun. About two weeks ago he was riding in a buggy with a young man by the name of Withers, of Madison, N. C., who took his loaded gun with him. Just before they reached Reidsville, by the motion of the buggy, the gun went off, discharging the load in Mr. Waddill's left breast. —*Danville Times.*

The head manager of the Swiss settlement in Tennessee, was called to his door, a few nights since, by a band of robbers, shot dead and his premises robbed of a large sum of money. Several desperate characters have been arrested and lodged in prison, charged with the outrage.

At Peakness, N. J., on December 14th, five children, four girls, 16, 13, 13 and 8 years of age, and one boy, 6 years of age, who ventured on the ice, were drowned in the presence of their mother, who was watching their play from her residence. A sad event.

The SALEM PLOWS work well in all kinds of soil. Manufactured by the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Noon—This morning an effort was made to introduce five or six colored girls into the Girls' Upper High School, which resulted in the withdrawal of over fifty of the graduatory class. This is the first attempt that has been made to place negroes in this school.

SANTANDER, Dec. 17—Noon—The storm in the Bay of Biscay continues. Many boats, and over 70 persons are missing. No foreign mails for eight days.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Night—A heavy snow fell here to-day, crushing in the market, killing and injuring many persons.

Go to the Salem Agricultural Works for PLOWS, Cultivators, Horse Powers, Threshers and Cleaners, Mowers and Reapers, Grain Drills, Horse Rakes, Feed Cutters, Cider Mills, Corn Shellers, or any other Agricultural Implement or Machinery, Salem, N. C.

Two burglars were fatally shot at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., last Sunday night. Dougherty, before dying, said his dying companion knew all about the kidnapping of Charlie Ross. Nothing more up to this time.

OMAHA, Dec. 19.—Official dispatches report the Indians murdering unarmed citizens. A call for troops has been made and two companies are marching for Pioche.

The Salem Plows are sure to please. Manufactured by the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

A fire in Boston destroyed a half million dollars of property.

A steamer with 500 bales of cotton was sunk in New Orleans on the 14th inst.

A negro in Alabama has been sentenced to be hung for killing another negro in a quarrel over 25 cents.

ECONOMY IS WEALTH.

And the way to preserve and mantain that economy is to know

WHEN AND WHERE

to make judicious outlays in the selection and purchase of Goods.

WE PROPOSE TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING ADVICE GRATUITOUS, OR

FREE GRATIS AND FOR NOTHING.

It Has Become a Well Established Fact that by Going to

R. A. WOMMACK & CO'S

to buy your Goods, you can and will save money; and

MONEY SAVED IS MONEY MADE!

WE have now the LARGEST AND FINEST STOCK OF GOODS in this section of country, which have been carefully selected, and will be sold at

Startlingly Low Prices!

We have a large stock of PRINTS of all sorts and prices, Brown and Bleached SHEETINGS, FLANNELS of all kinds, grades and colors, White and Black ALPACAS, MOHAIRS, LINSEYS, a large lot of SHAWLS, of all sizes, colors and prices, &c., &c. Also

MEN'S AND BOY'S WEAR OF ALL KINDS.

Hats and Caps in Great Variety.

Notions without end.—Collars, Shirts, Soap, Suspenders, Hoops, Hosiery and Gloves, Thread, Pins, Needles, Brushes, Buttons, Tapes, Paper, Envelopes, Memorandum Books, Table Oil Cloths, Umbrellas.

FRIES' JEANS of all Grades, also their Yarns and Sheeting and Cotton Batting at Factory prices.

BOOTS AND SHOES,

a splendid assortment, for Men, Women, Boys, Girls and Children.

Paints, Drugs, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Patent Medicines, Powder, Lead, Shot, single and double-barrelled Guns, &c., &c. The largest stock of

Crockery and Glass Ware

ever brought to this country by one firm. ☞ Also a full line of KEROSINE OIL, LAMPS, BURNERS and WICKS.

Sole Leather, and Strupe & Son's Upper Leather.

COFFEE, WHITE AND BROWN SUGARS, TEA, CHOCOLATE, MOLASSES, COAL OIL, MACHINE OIL, &c., &c.

We are not in the habit of doing any tall blowing, but when we have any very important matter to communicate we would be derelict in our duty to the public and ourselves in withholding the same, and therefore we have to proclaim that in

HARDWARE WE CAN'T BE BEAT.

We know whereof we speak, and we mean what we say.

CARPENTERS can with us find the best and cheapest assortment of all kinds of tools they need: Planes of all kinds, Hammers, Hatchets, Hand and Tenon Saws, Drawing Knives, Braces and Bitts, Augers, Gimblets, Compasses, Levels, Tape Measures, Squares, Files, Screw Drivers, Plane, Saw and Auger Handles, &c., &c., and

BUILDERS can be furnished with all sorts of BUILDING HARDWARE, Nails, Glass, Locks, Latches, Hinges, Pulleys, Screws, Bolts, Paints, &c., at prices that defy competition.

and **FARMERS** with Axes, Shovels, Spades, Forks, Hoes, Horse and Mule Shoes, Scythes, Traces, Collars, Hames, Ploughs and Plough Points, Tire Iron, &c., Coffee Mills, Sausage Grinders, Steelyards, Spring Ballances, Steel Traps, Mouse and Rat Traps, Fire Dogs, Shovels and Tongs, Sad Irons, Ovens, Spiders, Extra Skids, Wood Saws, Curry Combs, Lanterns, Chairs, Tubs, Buckets, Baskets.

CARRIAGE MAKERS with Spokes, Felloes, Rims, Shafts, Whiffle Trees, Turned Sticks, Oil Cloth, &c.

☞ We will barter for all kinds of **COUNTRY PRODUCE**, such as FRUIT, CORN, WHEAT, RYE, OATS, FLOUR, PLANK, RAGS, FEATHERS, BEESWAX, BACON, LARD, BUTTER, TALLOW, &c., &c.

We likewise deem this an appropriate time and place to express our gratitude to our many friends and customers who have favored us with their patronage. They have evinced their sound judgment and discretion in coming to us for good bargains, and we hope they always went away satisfied and well pleased and will come again and often, and we promise our best endeavors to please them and deserve their patronage.

Respectfully,

R. A. WOMMACK & CO.

Salem, N. C., November 3, 1874.

NEW SHOE STORE.

S. H. & S. A. C. EVERETT.

Corner of Main and New Shallowford Street.

SALEM, N. C.

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" Salisbury,	10.44 "	10.54 "
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" Danville,	5.13 "	3.36 "
" Dundee,	5.25 "	3.48 "
" Burkville,	11.30 "	
Arrive Richmond,	2.22 P.M.	11.04 "

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" Danville,	9.39 "	8.37 A. M.
" Greensboro,	12.20 A. M.	11.15 "
" Salisbury,	3.15 "	1.35 P. M.
" Air-line Junction,	6.15 "	3 50 "
Arrive Charlotte,	6.22 A. M.	3 55 "

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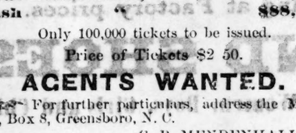

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